

Report to Council

Report Title: Ontario Power Generation Deep Geological Repository Funding

Prepared By: Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

Date: March 10, 2020

Report Number: FIN2020-10 **File Number:** C11FIN

Attachments: Letter from Ontario Power Generation

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number FIN2020-10 – Ontario Power Generation Deep Geological Repository Funding, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer; and doing so approves transferring the funds received into the Working Capital Reserve.

Report:

Background:

In 2004 Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and the Corporation of the Municipality of Kincardine signed an agreement regarding a Deep Geological Repository (DGR) for Low and Intermediate Level Nuclear Waste. The agreement is attached for Council's review. Under the original 2004 DGR Hosting Agreement, payments were made to the host community and four adjacent communities, in recognition of their role in providing a lasting solution. Since 2015, payments have been held by OPG in trust due to a longer –than- anticipated approvals process.

In 2018 we have received notice from OPG that 50% of those monies in trust (2015, 2016 and 2017) would be released. The Amending Agreement also ensured OPG resumes annual payments to municipalities at 50% of the originally agreed formula, until a decision was reached on the DGR Project.

In 2018, the Municipality received \$76,854 and an additional \$26,267 in 2019

Analysis:

At this time we are not sure the exact amount of funding we will receive in 2020. It will be a prorated amount from the previous funding agreement which staff are estimating to be approximately \$6,500. Since these funds were not included within the 2020 Operating Budget, staff are recommending that any monies received be transferred into the Working Capital Reserve.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

The Working Capital Reserve is currently sitting with a deficit.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer