

## Supplementary Budget – Briefing Note

## 2019 Budget

One page brief per request

**Briefing Note required for:**

- items >\$50,000
- changes in FTE
- Corporate Strategic Initiatives

Dept	Division	Business Unit	Item	Base Supp	Amount	FTE Impact
IES	Drainage	16250	Environmental Technician	B	\$88,440	1
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**Background:**

Environmental Sustainability is one of the four Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors identified in CKPlan 2035. As a large, rural-urban community, Chatham-Kent continually faces many environmental challenges. These can be naturally occurring but often times are a result of unplanned events such as fires, vehicular accidents, spills (to air, land and water), site remediation, and illegal dumping often into municipal drains, roadside ditches, sewers, parks and beaches. Events that affect the environment require proper protocol for both reporting and remediation.

Further, there exists a growing list of regulatory requirements for Federal Species at Risk and Provincial Endangered Species Acts. Both are regulatory requirements for the municipality.

**Comment:**

The Environmental Technician will be responsible for policy development and to ensure Chatham-Kent compliance with all applicable laws and regulatory agencies. The Technician will also be engaged in the operational component of providing direction to Drainage, Engineering, Public Works, Fire and Emergency Services, Planning, Recreation and Parks for prevention, mitigation and cleanup. This person will be the first point of contact in reporting and dealing with regulatory agencies such as the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks during emergency situations thereby providing a consistent and compliant direction.

**IMPACT IF NOT FUNDED**

First responding departments will continue to react with the limited expertise of existing staff. This may impact response effectiveness, adherence to the regulation, staff safety and ultimately the environment. Consultants will be employed as required.