

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 Project Coordinator (2 year assignment)	S	\$239,477	2
			Funding from Reserve #17266	S	(\$239,477)	
			Total		\$0	

Background:

Environmental Sustainability is one of the four Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors identified in CKPlan 2035. There are key projects within the Environmental portfolio that must be completed over the coming years.

Waste Management issues continue to be a challenge especially as the Province introduces new expectations and targets associated with greenhouse gas emissions from the waste sector. Ontario proclaimed the Waste Free Ontario Act, comprising the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act and the Waste Diversion Transition Act. Recent provincial commitments will move Ontario's existing waste diversion programs to full producer responsibility along with a proposal to ban food waste from landfill sites. Currently food waste is permitted at the Ridge Landfill site in C-K.

Further, Chatham-Kent is experiencing a change in the statistical distribution of weather patterns, often referred to as climate change. Resources are required to monitor and analyze changing weather patterns to ensure this data is considered in the design of sustainable infrastructure. Recent examples of climate change include an increased frequency of heavy rainfalls, high water levels of Lake Erie and the 2018 flooding of Thames River in the communities of Thamesville and Chatham.

This role will close the operational gap by providing best practice recommendations related to projects such as Blue Box, Organics and Infrastructure sustainability.

Comment:

The Project Coordinator will be a support role to the Manager of Environmental Services and will be responsible for maintaining and managing plans, specifications, costs and material estimates for the aforementioned environmental projects. He/she will begin to develop a Climate Change Action Plan for the Municipality and set targets and goals towards a carbon neutral corporation and best practice infrastructure design. This person will also provide supervisory responsibilities for the proposed Environmental Technician as well as assisting in the management of Environmental Services employees.

IMPACT IF NOT FUNDED

Chatham-Kent has employed two Environmental specialists over the past year via the approved internship program. This position, along with the Environmental Technician, will permit the Environmental Services team to continue the momentum to address the environmental issues facing Chatham-Kent. If unsupported, the projects will be outsourced to consultants or projects will be placed on-hold.