# Staff Report



To Committee of the Whole

Service Area Infrastructure, Development and Enterprise Services

Date Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Subject Our Energy Guelph Two-Year Progress Report

#### Recommendation

1. That Council receive the Our Energy Guelph Annual Report for Year Ending August 31, 2021.

# **Executive Summary**

## **Purpose of Report**

To provide an update on Our Energy Guelph (OEG) activities including progress on Year 2 goals and their request for continued funding for years 3 through 5.

## **Key Findings**

The OEG Annual Report for Year Ending August 31, 2021 has been attached and summarizes their progress on the community energy file. The OEG presentation, Moving Together Toward Net Zero summarizes past and planned work activities and includes a request for renewed funding for the period from September 2021 to August 2024.

# **Financial Implications**

The funding was allocated as per report <u>CS-2019-56 Dividend Allocation Policy</u>. There would be an annual cost of \$145,500 in 2022, \$120,500 in 2023, declining to \$94,500 in 2024.

# **Report**

The City executed a Service Agreement with Our Energy Guelph (OEG) to act as the City's Community Energy Initiative (CEI) delivery partner in August 2019. The OEG Annual Report for Year Ending August 31, 2021 has been attached and summarizes their progress on the community energy file. The OEG presentation, Moving Together Toward Net Zero summarizes completed activities and planned initiatives and includes a request for renewed funding for the period from September 2021 to August 2024.

# **Financial Implications**

The funding was allocated as per report CS-2019-56 Dividend Allocation Policy. There would be an annual cost of \$145,500 in 2022, \$120,500 in 2023, declining to \$94,500 in 2024. The overall contribution including the funding provided to date in

2020 and 2021, and this additional funding for 2022 to 2024, is just less than \$700,000.

The CEI pathway program itself does not require City capital investment.

There will be specific and significant capital requests in the future that will be necessary for the City to achieve its portion of the requirements to be a Net Zero Carbon community by 2050.

#### **Consultations**

Our Energy Guelph

# **Strategic Plan Alignment**

The City's partnering with Our Energy Guelph whose mission of building a clean, resilient, and prosperous city for everyone aligns with the Sustaining our Future Strategic Plan pillar.

#### **Attachments**

Attachment-1 Our Energy Guelph Annual Report for Year Ending August 31, 2021 Attachment-2 Our Energy Guelph Presentation – Moving Together Toward Net Zero

#### **Departmental Approval**

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