COMMUNICATION 131107
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Topic: Water and Wastewater Financial Plan

SUMMARY:
The Town of Carleton Place's water licence expires in 2020. As part of the application process to renew the licence, the Town must prepare and approve a Water and Wastewater Financial Plan compliant with the requirements under O. Reg. 473/17.

BACKGROUND:
The Safe Drinking Water Act (S.D.W.A.), "the Act", was passed in December 2002 to address the recommendations made by the Walkerton Inquiry Part II report and has been amended several times since. One of the main requirements of the Act is the mandatory licensing of municipal water providers.

To become licensed, a municipality must satisfy five key requirements as per Section 44(1):
1. Obtain a drinking water works permit.
2. Acceptance of the operational plan for the system based on the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard.
3. Accreditation of the Operating Authority.
4. Prepare and provide a financial plan.
5. Obtain a permit to take water.

For licence renewals, the application must be accompanied by proof that the financial plan meets the prescribed requirements as per the Act s. 32(5)2. ii. The attached draft Water and Wastewater Financial Plan for the years 2020 through 2026 meets the requirements as provided under O. Reg. 473/17.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
There are no financial implications associated with this report.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
THAT the Town of Carleton Place Water and Wastewater Financial Plan dated June 30, 2020 be approved;

THAT notice of availability of the Financial Plan be advertised;

THAT the Financial Plan dated June 30, 2020 be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and

THAT the resolution of Council approving the Financial Plan be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), satisfying the requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act. (S.D.W.A. Section 32(5)2.ii.).