

SPECIAL OPEN COUNCIL REPORT

Operations

For the December 2, 2024 Council Meeting

DATE: November 27, 2024 File No. 5600.05

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Kelly Mercer, Director of Operations

RE: Water Meter Replacement for 2025

RATIONALE:

This report is before Council to request early approval of the Water Meter Replacement Capital project to purchase 275 water meters in December, due to a 10% increase in cost that will occur on January 1, 2025.

OPTIONS:

- 1. Council may wish to support staff recommendation
- 2. Council may wish to not support staff recommendation
- 3. Council may wish to refer back to staff for additional information

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provide early approval for the Water Meter Replacement Capital Project for \$300,000.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

If early approval is provided, staff will purchase 275 meters in December 2024 which will save \$19,067.40 as there will be a cost increase by the supplier in 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The Town had a water meter program that started installing meters in 2009. There are 962 meters to still replace from the original install, and 210 meters to replace that were installed in 2010. The recommendation from the manufacturer is to start replacing water meters in the 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th years as the 20-year lifespan is an absolute maximum lifespan and is not extended. The meters that were installed, have a 20-year life span on their internal batteries. These batteries can not be replaced, and therefore the whole meter must be replaced. Town staff have been replacing meters as issues arise, however not all of the replacements have been completed. Many of the remaining meters are now approaching the end of their lifespan.

The supplier has contacted the Town and has stated that as of January 1st, 2025 a 10% increase will be imposed on new meters. Staff would like to have this approved early in order to decrease the costs of the water meter replacements.

General:	N/A	
Organizational:	N/A	
Financial:	N/A	
Legal/Statutory Authority:	N/A	
Strategic Plan:	Good Governance	
REFERRALS:		
PUBLIC PROCESS:		
COUNCIL REPORT/RESOLUTION HISTORY:		
CAO COMMENTS:		

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