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RE: Town applying for provincial funding for storm water management study

AMHERST, Nova Scotia – The Amherst town council, at a special meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, approved sending an application to the Provincial Capital Assistance Program for help in funding a storm water management study.

The application, which is requesting \$25,000 from the program, notes the town experienced flooding last February during an intense rainfall that coincided with mild temperatures and rapid snowmelt, particularly on South Albion Street near Industrial Park Drive and the Donald Avenue-Ralston Place- Dickey Street area.

It also notes a storm water management study needs to be completed in order to help the town address and minimize potential flooding in these areas in the future.

In general, a study would provide staff with information on what caused the flooding, the options to fix the issues and an estimate on how much the work would cost.

The provincial program pays for 50 per cent of the funding for a project that meets its criteria. The town is confident the study, which is estimated to cost \$50,000, meets the criteria.

Should the application be successful, staff indicated the study would be completed in 2022 with potential mitigation construction taking place in 2023. Any mitigation construction would be subject to future council approval for specific project funding.

Approving the application does not commit the town to all or any of the projects should the application not be successful.

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