



# COUNCIL REPORT

Report No. ENG 11-2012  
January 17, 2012  
File No: 0540-20 SPDDI

**Executive Committee**

To: Mayor and Council  
From: Stella Chiu, P.Eng., Senior Drainage and Wastewater Engineer  
Subject: Increase of Urban Storm Drainage Contribution to Sumas Prairie Dyking, Drainage and Irrigation Funds

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT Report No. ENG 11-2012, dated January 17, 2012, from the Senior Drainage and Wastewater Engineer, regarding the Increase of Urban Storm Drainage Contribution to Sumas Prairie Dyking, Drainage and Irrigation Funds, be received; and
2. THAT the contribution from the Urban Storm Drainage to Sumas Prairie Dyking, Drainage and Irrigation Funds be increased by 2.3%.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Sumas Prairie Dyking, Drainage and Irrigation (SPDDI) operations are funded from three sources. These include the dyking/irrigation tax rates, a contribution from the Urban Storm Drainage and a contribution from the City of Chilliwack for their share of Barrowtown Pump Station expenditures.

## **ANALYSIS**

At the SPDDI Committee meeting on January 11, 2012, the Committee recommended that the contribution from Urban Storm Drainage Contribution to SPDDI operations be increased by 2.3%. The rationale for the 2.3% increase is to match with the rate of inflation.

Typically the approved SPDDI minutes with recommendations go to Council for consideration. However, the next SPDDI meeting will be in April 2012 by which time Council would have completed budget deliberations. The recommendation regarding an increase in urban contribution is therefore brought forward to Council at this time.

## **FINANCIAL PLAN IMPLICATION**

The current annual contribution from Urban Storm Drainage to SPDDI funds is \$352,000. The proposed increase of contribution by 2.3% is estimated \$8,000.

## **STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS**

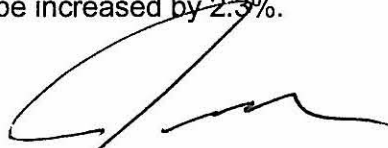
The proposed increase in Urban Storm Drainage contribution supports the Strategic Goal to "Achieve Fiscal and Economic Balance" for the SPDDI funds.

**COMMUNICATION PLAN**

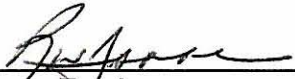
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**SUMMARY**

At the SPDDI Committee meeting on January 11, 2012, the Committee recommended that the contribution from Urban Storm Drainage Contribution to SPDDI operations be increased by 2.3%. The rationale for the 2.3% increase is to match with the rate of inflation. It is recommended that contribution from Urban Storm Drainage to SPDDI Funds be increased by 2.3%.



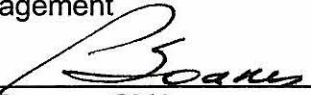
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