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MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET THEIR OWN

Hawkesbury, Monday, July 11, 2022 – On June 27, 2022, at the Regular Meeting of Council of the Town of Hawkesbury, Mr Carlos Gnacadja, Manager of Municipal Facilities, presented the Asset Management Plan (AMP), a tool that identifies infrastructure investment priorities.

Asset management planning is a comprehensive process that aims to ensure that the services provided by infrastructure are financially sustainable. The AMP details the information regarding infrastructure assets and the measures required to provide an agreed level of service in the most cost-effective manner, while describing the associated risks. It defines the services to be provided, how they will be provided and the funds to be provided during the ten-year planning period. The AMP will be linked to a long-term financial plan that typically extends over a ten-year period.

The AMP presented is the Town's third edition. Both 2013 and 2016 AMPs were prepared by external consultants. During that same period, due to shortage of manpower, both AMPs were neither implemented nor monitored.

In view of some missing information, the 2022 AMP is likely to be amended. Several improvement versions will be produced over the next five years until its final maturity.

Asset management will enable local authorities to be:

- better equipped to make decisions related to capital asset prioritization;
- informed of the inventory and up-to-date physical condition of assets;
- better organized and coordinated to implement the measures;
- better prepared to meet future challenges, whether anticipated or not;
- more able to engage citizens and respond to their needs on good and bad days.

During 2023, a Master Plan will be drafted. It will specify, for a given period, the main objectives of the Town of Hawkesbury. The Master Plan is a must. Much more than a process for determining where the Town is going and how it will get there, it lists the main types of actions and means that the Town will implement to achieve its objectives. When the unexpected happens, this plan will help to survive and find new opportunities, while staying true to its values and mission.

Developing a Master Plan is also a team-building exercise that brings staff together and transforms the way they communicate.

Together, the Master Plan and the Asset Management Plan will allow the Town to be better equipped to conduct better planning and make long-term decisions for the community.

Surveys will be conducted among citizens to assess their level of satisfaction with municipal services. More than one survey distribution will be held during the year 2023.

- citizen satisfaction survey with current services;
- citizen satisfaction survey with the services they would like to have.

The surveys will allow the Town to better:

- assess indicators related to the Town of Hawkesbury's reputation;
- assess satisfaction with services;
- identify priorities for action to ensure citizen satisfaction.

The Corporation of the Town of Hawkesbury would like to express its gratitude to Mr. Carlos Gnacadja for the drafting of this Asset Management Plan and to the staff who contributed directly or indirectly to its realization.

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