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**To:** Chair and Members  
Lambton Area Water Supply System Joint Board of Management

**From:** Clinton Harper  
General Manager

**Subject:** Municipal Drinking Water Licence Renewal - Financial Plan

## Recommendation

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It is recommended that the LAWSS Board approve \$12,500 for Watson & Associates to complete a Municipal Drinking Water Licence Renewal focused update of the LAWSS Financial Plan.

## Background:

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On December 4, 2019, staff received a notice from the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) Re: Municipal Drinking Water Renewal. LAWSS is required to apply for renewal for their Municipal Drinking Water Licence by April 13, 2020. The notice is attached to this report.

The current Financial Plan that was created to satisfy O. Reg 453/07, was prepared by Watson and Associates on December 17, 2014, and covers the time period between 2014 and 2023.

## Comments:

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While the bulk of the renewal documentation is being provided by OCWA on LAWSS behalf, a copy of a Board approved financial plan must be submitted with the application. The financial plan must meet the requirements of O. Reg. 453/07 and must apply for a period of at least six years that includes the year that our current licence would expire. This requirement is 2 years beyond the existing LAWSS Financial Plan.

A detailed LAWSS Financial Plan Update is scheduled for 2022 and will require a significant amount of Board approved time and financial investment to complete. The Master Water Plan and the Asset Management Plan will be critical components of the detailed Financial Plan. In the interim, this Financial Plan Update will allow LAWSS to move forward with the Municipal Drinking Water Licence Renewal.

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## Consultation:

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County of Lambton Financial and OCWA Compliance staff were consulted in the development of this report.

## Financial Implications:

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A Municipal Drinking Water Licence Renewal focused update of the LAWSS Financial Plan was not budgeted for in 2020. This work will need to be funded through the reserve.

This report was prepared by Clinton Harper, General Manager

Attachment(s): MECP Notice: Municipal Drinking Water Licence Renewal.

Watson Proposal Re: 2020 Water Financial Plan Ontario Regulation  
453/07 - Revised (January 9, 2020)