



**REPORT TO:** Co-Chairs and Members of  
Public Health and Social Services Committee

Co-Chairs and Members of  
Corporate Services Committee

**SUBJECT:** Initiation of 2008 Community Services Capital Program

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That this Committee recommend to Regional Council:

1. That a capital budget allocation in the gross and net amount of \$500,000 be approved for the Community Services Capital Program as submitted in the 2008 Capital Budget and summarized in Appendix 1. (attached)
2. That approval be given to fund the projects with \$500,000 from the Capital Levy Reserve Fund.
3. That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate By-laws are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- The Region's 2008 Capital Program was approved February 7, 2008, and specific Community Services Capital budget allocations, as outlined in this report, now need approval.
- Capital budget allocations totaling \$500,000, for Community Services projects that require approval include:
  - long-term care homes roof replacements and replacement of operating equipment to ensure resident/staff safety.
  - resident care equipment and bed replacement to keep pace with increased resident care complexity in the long-term care homes.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This report seeks approval to initiate capital spending in the amount of \$500,000 to be financed from the capital levy reserve fund.

## **PURPOSE**

This report provides detail on the need for projects and on the need to approve capital budget allocations and funding for projects from the approved 2008 Community Services Capital Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

After the Capital Program has received final approval by Regional Council, it is necessary to approve capital budget allocations and any required financing for specific projects in order to enable the projects to proceed.

## **REPORT**

### Approval of 2008 Capital Program – Budget Allocations

The Community Services Capital Program for 2008 was approved with a requirement for a capital levy allocation of \$500,000 for the projects listed below:

#### ZSC0801 Roof Repairs - \$90,000

Anticipated roof repairs to avoid water penetration, structural damage and to maintain the overall integrity of the roof. One long-term care home requires an immediate roof repair due to evidence of water leakage.

#### ZSC0802 Building Improvements/Renovations- \$230,500

There are ongoing initiatives to maintain or improve the living environment for the residents and to preserve the value of these capital assets, in addition to meeting Ministry compliance and accreditation standards. Specifically targeted projects for 2008 include; the renovation of kitchen serverly areas, installation of door lock systems, insulation installation, replacement of unsafe flooring and the addition of window tinting.

#### ZSC0803 Resident Care Equipment - \$75,500

This project includes 2 new shower stalls and 2 bed pan sterilizers. There is an ongoing requirement for new lifts, of which 2 homes have an immediate need.

ZSC0804 Machinery and Equipment - \$14,000

Projects are aimed at maintaining building and nutritional standards. One home requires an upgrade to its electrical panel.

ZSC0805 – Bed Replacement - \$90,000

Replacement of old beds is required in order to meet the increasing needs of the residents. Regular bed replacement is part of an overall plan to ensure appropriate beds for residents. Some electric beds and special wound care mattresses will be included in this project in order to attempt to keep pace with increasingly complex resident care needs.

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*Appendix 1: 2008 Capital Program for Community Services.*