

Alberta Municipalities – Municipal Environmental Award nomination**Report Purpose**

To receive Council approval for administration to submit a nomination for the Contaminated Sites Management Program under the Alberta Municipalities – Municipal Environmental Award.

Recommendation

THAT the nomination of the Contaminated Sites Management Program for consideration for the Alberta Municipalities – Municipal Environmental Award, be approved.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Goal 2 - Manage, invest and plan for sustainable municipal infrastructure

Goal 4 - Ensure effective stewardship of water, land, air and energy resources

Goal 8 - Foster an environment for safe communities

Report

The Municipal Environmental Award recognizes Alberta municipalities that have demonstrated excellence in environmental practices in their municipal operations, administration, and governance. This includes initiatives that have leveraged best practices, innovation, and advanced technologies in the areas of waste management, climate change mitigation and adaptation, energy efficiency and conservation, water and wastewater, urban wildlife management, brownfield management and redevelopment, or other environmental areas.

Planning and Development Services is proposing to submit an application for the Contaminated Sites Management Program (CSMP), for consideration of this award. The CSMP actively manages confirmed contaminated sites owned by the County (currently nine sites – including old nuisance grounds/decommissioned landfills, active service yards, and a former snow storage). Supporting the CSMP is the guidance document, contaminated sites inventory, site-specific action plans and the overall contaminated sites action plan.

The guidance document has been developed in consideration of, and to maintain compliance with, applicable environmental regulations. It describes the processes for the assessment of potentially contaminated sites as well as the ongoing management of existing and newly confirmed contaminated sites owned by the County. An inventory of potential and confirmed contaminated sites is maintained by the County. The guidance document also describes processes for spill response, environmental site assessments, guideline selection, remedial action plan development, and risk management plan development. It assists in the development of site-specific action plans for confirmed sites that are being actively managed through the CSMP. The purpose of the site-specific action plans is to track the assessment, management, remediation, and closure of each contaminated site owned by the County. The action plan establishes priorities for items listed in the site-specific action plans; provides a summary of actions to be taken in the short, medium, and long term; and prepares a plan, budget, and schedule for implementation and support continuous improvement of the CSMP.

Other Impacts

Master Plan/Framework: Environmental Framework