

# City Council Report

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**REPORT NUMBER** 160-2026-Infrastructure & Operations-Parks & Open Spaces

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**DATE**

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April 22, 2026

**FILE**

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**CITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETING DATE**

May 5, 2026

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**SUBJECT**

Marina Fuel Storage & Dispensing System Replacement - NOHFC  
Funding Application

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## **RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL**

WITH RESPECT to Report 160-2026-Infrastructure & Operations-Parks & Open Spaces, we recommend that Administration submit an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) Enhance Your Community Funding Stream for the Prince Arthur's Landing Marina Fuel Storage & Dispensing System Replacement project which requires matched funding of \$700,000, understanding that the City will be required to provide the additional funds to complete the project including any cost overruns that may occur;

AND THAT the Commissioner of Infrastructure and Operations be the authorized signing authority for the application;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign all documentation related to this matter;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Administration is requesting a resolution of support from City Council for a funding application that has been submitted to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporations (NOHFC) Community Enhancement Program – Enhance Your Community Funding Stream.

This funding will support the replacement of the Marina Boater Services fuel storage and dispensing system which was previously tendered in 2025, received a single bid that was significantly higher than the allocated budget and therefore the project could not be awarded.

The project is being re-designed and re-tendered in 2026, and Administration has identified and applied to multiple external funding opportunities, including the NOHFC Community Enhancement Program that would offset potential increased project costs.

## ***DISCUSSION***

City Council approved a project in the 2022 Rate-Supported Capital Budget for the Marina Fuel Storage and Dispensing System Replacement in the amount of \$300,000. In 2025 as part of the Marina Boater Services Financial Plan Report 086-2025-Infrastructure & Operations-Parks & Open Spaces, the project budget was increased to \$1,000,000.

Administration tendered the marina fuel storage and pumping system renewal twice in 2025. One in July, which received no bid submissions, and then again in September which received one bid in the amount of \$2,303,900 (excluding HST). The bid received was 130% higher than the \$1,000,000 available funds which were based on the estimated project cost. Due to the increased project cost the project could not be awarded.

Administration is currently working on a re-design of the fuel system project that will have the storage tanks installed above ground vs below ground. This may have a positive impact on the number of bids received and result in a more competitive tender process.

In January of 2026 Administration identified and applied to multiple external funding opportunities for which the fuel system replacement project would be eligible. The NOHFC application has moved to stage 2 which requires a resolution of Council in support of the application which confirms City funding contributions along with a commitment to cover any cost overruns should they occur.

If successful, these grants will offset increased project costs and reduce the financial impacts of this project on the Marina Boaters Services Financial Plan which was approved by Council in 2025. The approved Financial Plan included \$1,000,000 for this project.

Administration will await the results of all funding applications prior to proceeding to tender with the revised design to ensure all required funding is in place. Should the funding applications not be successful and the new bid price exceed available approved funds Administration will return to Council with options.

## ***CONSULTATION***

On April 14, 2026, the Finance & Admin Standing Committee reviewed the Marina Fuel Storage and Dispensing System Replacement – NOHFC Funding Application Report 159-2026-Infrastructure & Operations-Parks & Open Spaces where it was endorsed. Questions from members of Council were answered at the Standing Committee meeting. The resolution has been revised to include the matched funding required and that the City will be responsible for cost overruns. This assurance is required by NOHFC.

The Marina Advisory Committee (MAC) has been informed of the increased estimated project costs of the fuel system project and are in support of the application for external funding to NOHFC.

***FINANCIAL IMPLICATION***

City Council has approved a total budget of \$1.0 million for the Marina Fuel Storage and Dispensing System Replacement. There are no direct financial implications related to this report. The work included in this contract, including debt servicing cost, will be fully funded by the Marina Boater Service rate-based program and external funding contributions.

***BACKGROUND***

Administration brought forward Report 086-2025-Infrastructure & Operations-Parks & Open Spaces - Marina Boater Services Financial Plan May 5, 2025 to Council which included recommendations to secure required debenture funding to proceed with the marina fuel system renewal in 2025.

***REFERENCE MATERIAL ATTACHED***

None.

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***REPORT SIGNED AND VERIFIED BY***

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April 27, 2026