

Report ITR-CS-04-15

To: Chair Bob Pringle and Members of Corporate Services Committee
From: Geoff Hogan, Information Technology (IT) Director
Meeting Date: March 24, 2015
Subject: **Contract IT Staff**
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution CS42-15; Endorsed by County Council April 7, 2015 per Resolution CC59-15;

Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS the 2015 Approved Planning budget includes \$125,000 to hire contractors or contract staff to develop software for the Planning Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report ITR-CS-04-15 be received;

AND THAT contract staff or a contractor be hired by the IT Department to develop the required Planning software or backfill existing staff as required by the project;

Background

The Planning and Community Development budget has two large technology projects included in 2015:

1. Implementing a Property Tracking System (PTS), a joint project with Bruce County and the lower tiers to track well head protection areas as part of the Sourcewater Protection funding that has been received from the Province.
2. Updating our internal software to track planning files called Grey Information Network (GIN) – Planning Application Tracking Software.

Planning, Purchasing and IT went to market to see what is available to track property related data and after reviewing responses from software vendors it has been determined that both projects are best suited to internal application development. The County will save a significant amount of money over buying Commercial off the Shelf (COTS) software and Planning will get exactly what they need.

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology (IT) Considerations

The approved 2015 planning budget includes \$125,000 total for the two projects (\$50,000 from the Sourcewater Protection Collaboration Funding from the Province and \$75,000 for the Planning Application tracking Software which is funded from reserves and development charges). IT will hire a contractor or contract staff to backfill existing positions so that existing staff can dedicate themselves to the project.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

- 4.2 Promote effective coordination and communication between and amongst the County of Grey and its nine lower tier municipalities.
- 4.4 Embrace and continually invest in technology in order to enhance the operations of all county services as well as the county's overall state of future preparedness.

Attachments

Respectfully submitted by,

Geoff Hogan
Director of Information Technology