



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the Committee of the Whole

**From:** Malcolm Hunt, Director, Planning and Development Services

**Meeting Date:** November 30, 2015

**Subject:** PLPD15-062  
Peterborough Airport PCB Sampling Program

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## **Purpose**

A report to seek approval to establish a budget for the Airport PCB Sampling Program and to fund the project from a \$100,000 budget transfer from the Former Harper Road Landfill Environmental Compliance Approval capital project (2012 capital budget reference 5-9.07).

## **Recommendations**

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report PLPD15-062 dated November 30, 2015, of the Director, Planning & Development Services, as follows:

- a) That a \$100,000 capital budget be established for the Peterborough Airport PCB Sampling Program; and
- b) That the new capital project be funded by a transfer of \$100,000 from the Former Harper Road Landfill ECA capital project. (2012 capital budget reference 5-9.07)

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

The Former Harper Road Landfill Environmental Compliance Approval project has an uncommitted balance of approximately \$980,000.

While there are no existing commitments against this balance it is expected that 2 properties impacted by the former Harper Road landfill site, that are not owned by the City, will be purchased using a significant portion of the remaining project balance. If the purchase price of both properties exceeds the remaining balance additional capital funds may be required at that time.

## **Background**

In March of 2015 the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) advised the City that the Ministry's Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Branch had completed a surface water and sediment sampling survey on and around the Peterborough Airport. The study identified some elevated levels of PCB's in certain sampling sites. It is assumed that the elevated levels may be related to historical landfill activities on the airport property.

The Ministry requested the City, as owner of the airport, to review the report and provide a response that sets out proposed actions and timetable to address the findings of the MOECC sampling report.

The City has developed a work program and testing methodology in consultation with Cambium Inc. that the Ministry has deemed appropriate. In order to carry out the testing and reporting program a new capital project with a budget of \$100,000 is required. This budget will also allow for some additional work should the program identify a need for additional sampling. The need for this project was unknown when the 2015 Capital Budget was developed. In order to meet the scheduling expectations of the Ministry the sampling program must commence in the fall of 2015 and therefore this becomes an in-year capital project.

To fund the project in-year it is recommended that \$100,000 be transferred from the Former Harper Road Landfill ECA Capital Project established in 2012. This project was also established in response to a MOECC directive dealing with a long-closed landfill site. In June of 2015 staff reported to Council on the findings of that study (Report USEP15-007). The detailed sampling program revealed that the contamination from past landfill activity was generally contained and the City has been directed by MOECC to attempt to acquire 2 additional properties impacted by the former Harper Road landfill activity. The remaining balance in the Harper Road capital project is approximately \$980,000. It is not certain if the City will be able to acquire the properties and what the combined purchase price might be. Until this is determined it is recommended that \$100,000 of the \$980,000 be used to fund the Airport PCB Sampling Program. Should the property acquisition costs exceed the remaining funds additional capital funding will be sought at that time.

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