



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: February 23, 2026

Golf Course Pond Cleaning

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

In April 2025 a sediment survey was completed by Hydrasurvey on the Golf Course ponds. The ponds are the main outfall for the Town of Claresholm's storm system. The ponds accumulate sludge from runoff as well as decomposing organic matter. The high sludge levels limit the holding capacity of the ponds, as well as affect the aesthetics of the Golf Course.

Estimates were provided by contractors to dredge the ponds, with the cost coming in around \$300,000 for the largest pond. Other options were explored and it was decided that the first two ponds could be mechanically excavated. Two contractors were approached for estimates, and day rates were provided at \$1,880 and \$3,600. One contractor estimated 10 days for the project, the other 3-5 days. Town crews will provide the gravel trucks for hauling of the material, and we will be responsible for the disposal.

Pond 1 will be able to be completely excavated, as it is the smallest of the ponds. Pond 2 will be partially excavated, due to its size, with the focus being on the problem areas on the East side of the pond.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

Administration recommends contracting KJN Excavating at a day rate of \$1,880 plus mobilization for an estimated 5 days, for a total cost of \$10,750.00 + GST. Administration also recommends adding an additional \$5,000 contingency, if the project takes longer than expected.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councillor _____ to contract KJN Excavating at a day rate of \$1,880 plus mobilization, to a maximum cost of \$15,750 plus GST, to mechanically excavate pond 1 and 2 at the Claresholm Golf Course and that project is funded by the Water and Sewer Utility Reserve.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Hydrasurvey Report

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APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: February 17, 2026
