

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Finance & Technology

Financial Planning & Analysis



To: Mayor & Members of Council

From: Jessica Gaspard, Division Leader – Financial Analysis & Planning

Date: September 22, 2021

Subject: COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream Grant – Local Government Intake

Recommendation

Direct the Clerk to read By-law 84-2021 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream transfer payment agreement for \$479,000 during the “Consideration of the By-laws”, as further described in the September 28, 2021 Council meeting report.

Background

In October 2020, the Province of Ontario announced up to \$250 million in federal-provincial funding through the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure stream under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to build or renovate health and safety-related projects in municipalities that will help respond to the impacts of COVID-19 and address the critical local infrastructure needs.

In November 2020, the province informed Administration that the Municipality’s allocation was \$479,000.

This announcement included a high level description of related criteria that would be considered for potential approval. The Office of the Minister of Infrastructure would review each municipal application to determine its eligibility.

In May 21st, Lakeshore received confirmation that our proposed projects were approved. Once Administration acknowledged support for allocating the grant funding to the projects identified below, steps can continue to secure the funds through the Transfer Payment Agreement process.

Comments

Administration has worked throughout the pandemic to identify challenges, issues and opportunities related to workflow disruptions and staff health and safety. Through those discussions, touchless upgrades to restrooms have been identified as a high priority

upgrade that could provide the most benefit to the organization and the public. The cost of the project has been quoted at \$240,000, Administration is proposing this as candidate project for the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream Grant for all Lakeshore facilities. The facilities included park shelters with restrooms, 5 fire halls, 2 OPP stations, 4 marina buildings, 2 public works yards, the water distribution building, town hall and the Comber Community Centre. The touch-less upgrades would limit touch points that may contribute to the spread of viruses. The COVID pandemic has made the use of levers, handles and buttons problematic in the efforts to control the spread of the virus. Upgrading the fixtures will allow Administration to address concerns by both residents and staff with using parks and recreation facilities.

Investing in disaster mitigation and adaptation infrastructure was eligible as a part of this grant. Administration's priority is to undertake projects that would assist in mitigating the risk of flooding as a result the remaining \$239,000 was decided to fund the West Beach Grading and Belle River Dredging Project that was approved in the 2021 Capital Budget. The dredging will mitigate floods because it will improve the hydraulic efficiency and mitigate the potential of formation of an ice jam at the river mouth. Grading the beach will eliminate the nuisance flooding and water impoundments.

Financial Impacts

The Municipality applied for the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream – Local Government Intake pursuant to the authority delegated to the Director of Finance under By-law 93-2019.

The West Beach Grading and Belle River Dredging Project was approved in the 2021 budget for \$240,000 and was intended to be funded from Park Development reserve fund. Since the application was successful this will allow the Municipality to redirect unspent funds to other projects.

Attachments

Transfer Payment Agreement - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream – Local Government Intake

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	ICIP - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream - Local Government Intake Stream Projects.docx
Attachments:	- ICIP COVID Transfer Payment Agreement - Municipality of Lakeshore.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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