



GEORGINA

Subject: Municipal Funding Agreement for the renewed Canada Community-Building Fund

To: Mayor and Council

From: Rob Wheeler, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Treasurer

Date: July 10th, 2024

Briefing:

Per a briefing note brought to Council on June 19th, 2024, titled “Infrastructure Funding and the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) Agreement”, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (“AMO”) has prepared an individual agreement with the Town of Georgina (the “Town”), to renew the 10-year Municipal Funding Agreement (MFA) for the administration of the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF). The new agreement covers the term of April 1, 2024 up to and including March 31, 2034.

CCBF funds have been and continue to be an important funding source for the Town to deliver municipal infrastructure projects. With the renewed agreement, the Town will continue to receive CCBF funding allocation to invest in the construction, material enhancement, and renewal of critical infrastructure across 18 project categories, to address local priorities.

The steps to renew the MFA are as follows:

1. Pass a municipal by-law authorizing the MFA;
2. Have the appropriate officers sign the MFA; and
3. Submit the signed MFA and by-law to AMO.

Changes to the MFA - Requirements Around Housing

Both the federal government and AMO stated that CCBF will continue to provide predictable funding, without a need for application, to be invested into priority infrastructure projects.

The Government of Canada committed to tying federal infrastructure funding to actions that increase the housing supply where it makes sense to do so; as such, under the CCBF’s renewed agreement, single-tier and lower-tier municipalities, such as our Town, that have a 2021 Census population of 30,000 or more must complete a Housing Needs Assessment by March 2025.

Section 8 of the MFA outlines the requirements under the new Housing Needs Assessment.

8. HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 **Requirement.** While an HNA is encouraged for all Municipalities, the Recipient must complete a HNA if it had a population of 30,000 or more on the 2021 Census of Canada and is a Single-Tier Municipality or a Lower-Tier Municipality.
- 8.2 **Content of the HNA.** The Recipient will prepare the HNA in accordance with the guidance provided from time to time by Canada.
- 8.3 **Use of HNA.** The Recipient is expected to prioritize projects that support the growth of the housing supply. The HNA is to be used by Municipalities to prioritize, where possible, Infrastructure or capacity building projects that support increased housing supply where it makes sense to do so.
- 8.4 **Publication of the HNA.** The Recipient will publish the HNA on its website.
- 8.5 **HNA reporting requirements.** The Recipient will send to AMO by March 31, 2025, unless otherwise agreed upon:
 - a) A copy of any HNA it is required to complete in accordance with Section 8.1;
and
 - b) The URL to the published HNA on the Recipient's website.

AMO noted that as with previous agreements, the form and content of this MFA are not subject to negotiation. Any changes, other than the inclusion of signatures, are null and void.

Staff recommend renewing the MFA with AMO as presented. Please find attached a copy of the MFA and a by-law authoring the renewal of the MFA.