



GEORGINA

Subject: Infrastructure funding and the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) Agreement

To: Mayor and Council

From: Rob Wheeler, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer / Treasurer

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Briefing:

At the Council meeting held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, Council received correspondence from the City of Richmond Hill regarding its position respecting federal infrastructure funding to support growth and the upcoming renewal of the agreement between the Federal government and municipalities.

The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) is a long-standing source of federal funding for local infrastructure. Funds are provided to communities up front, twice a year, and can be strategically invested across 18 project categories to address local priorities. Municipalities can also pool, bank and borrow against this funding. First established in 2005, the Fund has continually evolved to meet the needs of municipalities and their critical infrastructure projects.

In the province of Ontario, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) administers the CCBF to all municipalities, except for the City of Toronto, in accordance with a multilateral agreement between Canada, Ontario, the City of Toronto and AMO. On March 31, 2024, the ten-year administrative agreement between the parties expired. The funding agreements between AMO and the Ontario municipalities have also expired. Concerned for the future and longevity of the program, many municipalities, like City of Richmond Hill, voiced their position regarding the importance of this funding and adopted resolutions to provide correspondences to the Federal Government to advocate for continued support.

The AMO board met on March 21 and 22, 2024 and authorized AMO to execute a new 10-year agreement, which will cover the 2024-2033 period and will enable AMO to administer nearly \$8 billion over this period for municipal infrastructure projects. Funding allocations would continue to be distributed according to the existing model and asset management will continue to guide infrastructure investments.

On June 5, 2024, a Joint statement was released by Sean Fraser, Canada's Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Paul Calandra, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Olivia Chow, Mayor of Toronto, and Colin Best, President of the AMO:

"The three levels of government have finalized a Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) agreement, which will ensure that critical infrastructure that supports housing continues to be built, maintained, and expanded. The renewal of this agreement means that our communities' roads, bridges, and transit systems will be positioned to accommodate growth."

Once the federal agreement is signed, AMO will work with Ontario Municipalities on individualized funding agreements between AMO and the municipalities.

Table A below, provides a historical CCBF funding received from this program as well as future allocations:

Table A: CCBF Funding – Town of Georgina

| Year | Funding Amount |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2028 (future allocation) | \$1,622,693 |
| 2027 (future allocation) | \$1,622,693 |
| 2026 (future allocation) | \$1,560,281 |
| 2025 (future allocation) | \$1,560,281 |
| 2024 (future allocation) | \$1,497,870 |
| 2023 (actual funding received) | \$1,503,067 |
| 2022 (actual funding received) | \$1,440,439 |
| 2021 (actual funding received) | \$2,825,174 |
| 2020 (actual funding received) | \$1,377,811 |
| 2019 (actual funding received) | \$2,789,684 |

These funds make it possible for municipalities to deliver core public infrastructure to residents such as water infrastructure, local roads, public transit and community, and cultural recreation facilities. Some of the recent and current projects that the Town of Georgina has used and continues to use this funding for include:

- Major ditch design and rehabilitation
- Capital resurfacing on Black River Road
- Rehabilitation of Bridges and Culverts
- Gravel road design and construction in Udora
- Reconstruction of Irving Drive
- Hedge Road bank stabilization
- Pollock Road slope design and reconstruction
- Rehabilitation of the Pefferlaw Dam
- Playground equipment
- Pathway rehabilitation
- Installation of speed humps

Municipalities rely on the CCBF funding to help build and revitalize public infrastructure, ensuring the safety and security of the public, contributing to economic growth and productivity, preserving infrastructure assets and improving the quality of life for all individuals. Town staff was pleased to see that all parties involved in the negotiations of the administrative agreement share the same views about the importance of the program. Staff will continue to advocate for the importance of the program and look forward to working with AMO on the municipal agreements that need to be signed.