



City of  
**Peterborough**

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

**From:** **Sandra Clancy, Director of Corporate Services**

**Meeting Date:** **August 31, 2015**

**Subject:** **Report CPFS15-044  
Small Communities Fund Contribution Agreement for the  
Bethune Street (Dalhousie Street to Dublin Street) Sanitary  
Sewer, Road and Jackson Creek Diversion Project**

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## **Purpose**

A report to recommend a by-law be passed authorizing the execution of the Small Communities Fund (SCF) contribution agreement for the Bethune Street (Dalhousie Street to Dublin Street) Sanitary Sewer, Road and Jackson Creek Diversion Project (Bethune Street Project) and to amend the 2015 Capital Budget.

## **Recommendations**

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CPFS15-044 dated August 31, 2015, of the Director of Corporate Services, as follows:

- a) That a by-law be passed authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Small Communities Fund (SCF) contribution agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the City of Peterborough;
- b) That the Bethune Trunk Sewer Capital Project (2011 Capital Budget Ref #5-6.06) be combined with the Bethune Street – Dalhousie to Dublin Street Project (2015 Capital Budget Ref #5-2.04) and be named the Bethune Street Project; and
- c) That the Bethune Street Project be amended as set out in Appendix A to Report CPFS15-044, to reflect the Small Communities Fund grant.

## Budget and Financial Implications

The value of the SCF contribution is \$15,940,300. The amended budget is set out in Appendix A and reflects a total project budget of \$26,127,300. The SCF grant represents two-thirds of the \$23,911,500 eligible costs, with the federal and provincial governments each providing 33%. The City will fund the final one-third eligible cost in the amount of \$7,970,200, plus the ineligible costs currently estimated at \$2,215,800 for land purchases, in-house project management costs and additional contingency. The total municipal contribution is \$10,187,000.

## Background

### Small Communities Fund Program

As reported to City Council in Report CPFS14-025 dated September 2, 2014, Ontario announced a new municipal infrastructure strategy on August 18, 2014. As part of this, it launched an intake to identify priority municipal projects for the federal government's Small Communities Fund. This fund is part of the Building Canada Fund.

The SCF program provides financial support for critical core infrastructure projects including roads, bridges, public transit, disaster mitigation, connectivity of broadband, innovation, wastewater, green energy, drinking water, solid waste management, brownfield redevelopment, local and regional airports, short line rail and short sea shipping.

The City of Peterborough submitted an Expression of Interest in September 2014 and was invited to submit an application by December 19, 2014. On June 22, 2015, the City was advised that the Bethune Street (Dalhousie Street to Dublin Street) Sanitary Sewer, Road and Jackson Creek Diversion Project had been selected for funding. The provincial and the federal governments will each contribute 33% toward the total eligible costs of the project up to a maximum of \$7,970,150 each.

### Bethune Street Project Budget

The City's SCF application combined three distinct capital projects to form a multi-faceted project to achieve several City objectives. These include:

- 1) **Jackson Creek Flow Diversion** - A large storm sewer diverting high flows in Jackson Creek to the Otonabee River to mitigate flood damage up to the 100-year storm and allow the Downtown to continue to develop without the risk of flooding. The infrastructure consists of inlet/outlet structures, a 1,600 meter box culvert along Bethune Street, utilities relocated/replaced and removal of flow constraints from Jackson Creek under George Street;

- 2) **Bethune Street – Dalhousie Street to Dublin Street** - Reconstruction of Bethune Street from Dublin Street to Townsend Street including storm water facilities, cycling and pedestrian facilities, intersection controls including safety features (speed limit, barriers, traffic calming measures). As part of the rebuilding of Bethune Street, a north-south walkway/cycling corridor will be established serving the Central Area connecting three major city trails which converge on Bethune Street; and
- 3) **Bethune Trunk Sewer** - Sanitary sewer capacity increase to serve growth in the north end of Peterborough.

The Jackson Creek Flow Diversion Project was merged into the Bethune Street – Dalhousie Street to Dublin Street Project as part of the approved 2015 Capital Budget (Ref# 5-2.04). It is recommended that the third project, the Bethune Trunk Sewer Project (2011 Capital Budget Project Ref #5-6.06) also be merged and the combined project be renamed the Bethune Street Project. The resulting total approved project budget of \$10,187,000 provides sufficient funding for the City's one-third share of eligible costs and the ineligible costs. With the SCF grant of \$15,940,300, the amended budget is set out in Appendix A and reflects a total project budget of \$26,127,300.

### **What is required of municipalities?**

The City must sign a Contribution Agreement by September 18, 2015, showing they agree to the terms and conditions of the funding. If Committee endorses the recommendations in this report, the required by-law will be added to the September 8, 2015 Council agenda for final approval to ensure the submission deadline can be met.

### **Report Requirements**

Intermittent reporting is required throughout the agreement to receive two-third reimbursement of paid invoices.

### **Summary**

In signing the Agreement, the City agrees to abide by the terms and conditions which include periodic reporting. The first requirement is passing a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Contribution Agreement to allow the flow of SCF funds. The funding will allow the Bethune Street Project to be accelerated, with construction occurring sooner, than was otherwise anticipated.

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Revised Bethune Street Project Budget

## Appendix A

### Revised Bethune Street Project Budget

## Tangible Capital Assets Ten Year Capital Budget Estimates

## 2015-2024 & Subsequent Years

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