



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the General Committee

From: Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services

Meeting Date: January 17, 2022

Subject: 2022 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Report CLSFS22-002

Purpose

A report to advise Council of the City's \$5,345,309 2022 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) allocation and to recommend that these funds be directed to the 2022 Pavement Preservation Program and the 2022 Roads Resurface Pavement Program, reallocating the projects' Canada Community Building Funding (CCBF) allocation back to the CCBF reserve.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CLSFS22-002 dated January 17, 2022, of the Commissioner of Corporate and Legislative Services, as follows:

- a) That \$4.0 million Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) Reserve Fund funding for the Pavement Preservation Program (2022 Capital Project 5-10.01) be replaced with \$4.0 million of Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund; and
- b) That \$935,600 Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) Reserve Fund funding for the Road Surface Pavement Program (2022 Capital Project 5-10.02) be replaced with \$935,600 of Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications to approving the recommendations in this report as the report recommendations simply swap one funding source for another.

There remains \$410,000 of unallocated 2022 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

The uncommitted balance of the Canada Community Building Fund reserve after noting the transfers in Recommendations a) and b) is \$5.0 million.

Report CSACH22-003 - Closure of DelaFosse Library and Inclusion of Library branch in Arena and Aquatics Complex, dated January 17, 2022, recommends the use of \$2,020,000 of the freed up CCBF funding made available through the recommendations in this report.

Background

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Formula-Based Component

As reported to City Council in Report CPFS14-025 dated September 2, 2014, Ontario announced the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund which at the time was considered a predictable, annual, non-application based provincial funding source to support the revitalization and repair of roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure and the development of asset management plans in small, rural and northern communities.

In March 2019, the Ministry of Infrastructure communicated plans to work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and municipalities to review the design of the program. Because of the uncertainty of the funding under the new provincial government, an OCIF allocation was not included in the 2020 to 2022 draft capital budgets.

After concluding their review, in December 2021, the Ministry of Infrastructure announced the City's 2022 OCIF allocation of \$5,345,309 which is nearly double that received in 2021 (\$2,240,654).

The City's existing Transfer Payment Agreement allows for the transfer of funds without the necessity of a new by-law. Furthermore, the City may accumulate the formula-based grants for up to five years. For example, grant funding received in 2022 must be spent by December 31, 2026.

It is recommended that the OCIF funding replace the \$4,000,000 of Canada Community Building Fund for the Pavement Preservation Program (2022 Capital Project 5-10.01) and \$935,600 Canada Community Building Fund for the Road Surface Pavement Program (2022 Capital Project 5-10.02).

By swapping the Canada Community Building Fund funding (formerly called Federal Gas Tax funding) with the OCIF funding within the two projects, surplus funding is available in the less restrictive CCBF funding and allows a wider array of projects to utilize the funding.

Staff will report to Council with further recommendations, either later in 2022 or through the 2023 budget process, on how the remaining OCIF and CCBF surplus funds could be utilized.

Submitted by,

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