

# STAFF REPORT

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG



<b>Report to:</b>	Mayor and Council Members	<b>Priority:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low
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<b>Report No.:</b>	Public Works-097-22		
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**Subject/Title:** Delegation of Authority to Enter into Funding Agreement:  
Improving Wastewater and Stormwater Discharges in Lake  
Ontario Program

## RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council delegate authority to the Director of Public Works to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the Improving Wastewater and Stormwater Discharges in Lake Ontario Program.

## 1. STRATEGIC PLAN

Programs: Implement a comprehensive management plan for all assets.

## 2. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

This report is being published ten (10) days in advance of the Committee of the Whole meeting for public review.

## 3. PURPOSE

To receive approval from Council to delegate authority to the Director of Public Works to enter into an agreement to receive grant funding from the Province of Ontario to be utilized for improving wastewater and stormwater discharges in Lake Ontario.

## 4. ORIGIN AND LEGISLATION

## 5. BACKGROUND

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) recognizes the impacts to Lake Ontario caused by wastewater and stormwater discharges from urban areas. The Government of Ontario's 2020 budget announced \$15 million in funding to provide support to municipalities for improving their management of wastewater and stormwater discharges to Lake Ontario to ensure Ontarians can continue to access clean and safe water. This funding is being provided through the government's "Improving Wastewater and Stormwater Discharges in Lake Ontario Program.

The objectives of the Program are to improve the management of wastewater and stormwater discharges to Lake Ontario by lowering phosphorus discharges, reducing the likelihood of sewage overflows and bypasses and improving the overall quality of stormwater.

## 6. ANALYSIS

In order to start receiving the Funds, the Municipality must provide the following to MECP by March 31, 2022:

- i) a copy of the council by-law, council resolution that acts as a by-law or delegation of authority by-law authorizing the Municipality to sign the Terms and Conditions (Schedule "A");
- ii) Terms and Conditions (Schedule "A") signed by an authorized signing officer; and,
- iii) confirmation that the Municipality is registered in the Transfer Payment Ontario system

The MECP will provide Funds for the Municipality's eligible expenses through Transfer Payment Ontario on a reimbursement basis based on quarterly reports submitted by the Municipality up to and including March 31, 2024.

## 7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/BUDGET IMPACTS

Town of Cobourg is eligible to receive \$576,000 over a two year period. Staff are recommending the funds be utilized to complete the design and construction of two (2) existing storm water management facility (SWMF) clean-outs over the two year period. It is anticipated that design activities will be completed in 2022 and construction in 2023. These projects are not included in the 2022 approved budget however these projects are projected to be completed in the near future in accordance with the SWM Facility Inventory and Capital Needs Assessment completed in 2020 (attached).

The total estimated cost for Read/Otto and Chris Garrett SWMF cleanouts, including design and construction is \$1,200,000 including an estimated design fee of \$100,000 that is proposed for 2022. The funding would pay for the 100% of the non-budgeted design fees to proceed in 2022.

2023 construction costs are estimated to be \$1,100,000, of which \$476,000 would be funded from the grant program and the remaining \$624,000 would be a 2023 capital budget item.

## **8. CONCLUSION**

That Council delegate authority to the Director of Public Works to execute an agreement to receive grant funding and conduct quarterly reporting to the MECP for the Improving Wastewater and Stormwater Discharges in Lake Ontario Program.

## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Agreement Improving Wastewater and Stormwater Discharges - Public Works-097-22.docx
Attachments:	- Stormwater Management Facility Inventory and Capital Needs Assessment (2020).pdf - Draft L Ontario Agreement Template Feb 22_2022.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Tracey Vaughan, Chief Administrative Officer - Feb 24, 2022 - 8:34 AM**