

 COBOURG	THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG	
	STAFF REPORT	
TO:	Mayor and Council	
FROM: TITLE:	Laurie Wills Director of Public Works	
DATE OF MEETING:	December 7, 2020	
TITLE / SUBJECT:	Execute Transfer Payment Agreement with Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Transit Stream	
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1.0 STRATEGIC PLAN

Invest in programs, services and infrastructure to make Cobourg more accessible.

2.0 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Town's Accessibility Coordinator will be involved throughout the procurement process of all transit vehicles.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Town of Cobourg Council authorize execution of an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Public Transit Stream.

4.0 ORIGIN

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) funding – Transit Stream.

5.0 BACKGROUND

The useful life of the 30' conventional buses is 12 years. Both of the Town's conventional buses were purchased in 2009 and are due for replacement in 2021. The useful life of the 8m Wheels bus is 8 years and the Town's back up Wheels bus was due for replacement in 2014. This bus has been out of service for over a year and the Town has been utilizing the operating contractor's bus

as a back up vehicle.

In 2019, the Town of Cobourg entered into an agreement with the Metrolinx Transit Procurement Initiative (TPI) to take advantage of cost savings as well as to have the advantage of Metrolinx facilitating the acquisition process for transit bus procurement.

The Metrolinx TPI has become one of North America's most innovative transit procurement programs. Over 46 transit agencies across Ontario have participated in the program since 2006. Purchasing new buses through the Metrolinx procurement process typically results in better pricing for the Town of Cobourg because of the number of buses being ordered. In addition, the Town benefits from all the other procurement services that Metrolinx TPI provides, such as:

- Industry experienced TPI staff to develop detailed technical specifications, develop the RFP and manage the contract
- Enhanced contract terms and product warranties
- Increased quality control through in-plant inspection of buses
- Evaluation Committee made up of transit participants
- Fairness Commissioner services to oversee the procurement process, where applicable.
- Preparation of the Purchase Agreement for the Municipality

The outcome of the program is an approved list of a variety of vehicles that best suit the needs of the participating municipalities. The Town can then choose from the list, the most appropriate vehicle for its purpose.

6.0 ANALYSIS

Public Works is currently investigating future service options for Cobourg Transit. Should it be determined by Council that Cobourg Transit should transition away from the conventional route system and no longer requires the 30' transit buses, Staff shall apply to the Ministry of Transportation to amend the agreement in favour of purchasing transit vehicles other than those specified in the application.

At this time, there is no schedule for purchasing new vehicles nor is there a plan for what type of replacement vehicle(s) will be purchased.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/BUDGET IMPACT

Based on the Town replacing its existing fleet, the total estimated cost for the project is \$1,240,454.40. The funding is split between the Provincial (33.33%) and Federal (40%) Governments, resulting in the Town's share being approximately \$330,829.19 (26.67%).

All funding is required to be spent by 2029.

8.0 CONCLUSION

That the Town of Cobourg Council authorize execution of an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Public Transit Stream.

The Transfer Payment Agreement is now permitted to be submitted back to the Ministry electronically (Scanned PDF).

12.0 AUTHORIZATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT



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