

 COBOURG	THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG	
	STAFF REPORT	
TO:	Mayor and Council	
FROM:	Laurie Wills	
TITLE:	Deputy Director of Public Works	
DATE OF MEETING:	January 29, 2018	
TITLE / SUBJECT:	Execute Agreement with Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program	
REPORT DATE:	January 16, 2018	File #:

1.0 STRATEGIC PLAN

The proposed works will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Town's active transportation system in accordance with the objectives of the Town's Strategic Plan.

2.0 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

NA

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 Ministry of Transportation and the Corporation of the Town of Cobourg for the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling program to assist with the funding of the 2018 capital projects for construction of new bicycle paths.

4.0 ORIGIN

Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) program funding.

5.0 BACKGROUND

In 2017, the Province announced a new Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling program for building new and enhancing existing commuter cycling infrastructure to help Ontario achieve its vision for commuter cycling under Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan. Investments in commuter cycling

infrastructure will help to promote safety for cyclists, making cycling more comfortable and appealing for day-to-day travel.

In consultation with the Town's Environmental Active Transportation Advisory Committee, it was determined that the most critical location for a commuter cycling facility to be installed was on Elgin Street between Strathy Road and Division Street.

Public Works staff prepared an application for OMCC funding with the Elgin Street improvements as the candidate project to be constructed over three (3) years. It was estimated that the cost of constructing the works would be \$300,000 for which the Town would be responsible for contributing 20% (\$60,000 total or \$20,000/year).

The Town was successful in their application for up to 80% of \$202,855 for 2018 and must re-apply for additional funding for each year of the program.

6.0 ANALYSIS
NA

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/BUDGET IMPACT

In accordance with the terms of the funding program, Public Works Staff have requested a capital budget of \$20,000 per year for three (3) years to uphold the subject agreement.

Typically, the Town's capital budget for Active Transportation has been \$15,000 annually; however, in consideration of the available funding Staff are requesting a \$5,000 increase for three (3) years in order to complete this important project in a timely manner and at 20% of the actual cost.

8.0 CONCLUSION

That the Town of Cobourg Council authorize execution of an agreement for the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling program to assist with the funding of capital projects for the construction of a new bicycle path on Elgin Street and that funding to cover the Town's portion be budgeted for as a capital project in the amount of \$20,000 per year for 2018-2020.

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