

STAFF REPORT

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG



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Subject/Title: COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council direct staff to submit the following two applications for funding under this program:

1. Fire Station Renovations; and
2. Environmental Services Plant 2 Women's Locker Room.

1. STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

2. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

N/A

3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain direction from Council in support of the two infrastructure projects that staff are recommending for submission to the joint Federal / Provincial funding program known as COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure stream.

4. ORIGIN AND LEGISLATION

In mid-November the Province of Ontario released information on the Local Government Infrastructure Stream which is part of which is part of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) with a deadline for submission of applications of January 7, 2021.

5. BACKGROUND

As announced by the Province of Ontario last month, the total eligible allocation for the Town of Cobourg is \$303,900. Based on this allocation, we are eligible to submit two projects for consideration.

The funding ratio is 80% Federal and 20% Provincial.

According to federal parameters, eligible projects under this stream need to fit under one of the following four categories:

1. Retrofits, Repairs and Upgrades for municipal buildings;
2. Infrastructure to support physical distancing, safety retrofits and expansions;
3. Active Transportation Infrastructure;
4. Disaster Mitigation and Adaption

It is expected that funding announcements will be made in late spring of 2021 and projects must not have been started prior to granting of approval and must be started no later than September 30, 2021 and completed no later than December 31, 2021.

6. ANALYSIS

In reviewing the projects contained within the 2021 draft capital budget the factors used to consider projects were as follows:

- 1) The project must fit within one of the four eligible categories to be considered for funding;
- 2) The projects must not have been started as yet but have the capability of being started as soon as funding is approved and more importantly of being completed prior to December 31, 2021.
- 3) The cost of the projects must fit within the funding being provided.

With these factors in mind two projects are being presented for consideration by Council:

1. Fire Station Renovations – this project was first presented to Council on November 16, 2020. It fits within Category 1 as a renovation of an existing municipal building the main purpose of which is to allow the facility to be gender inclusive by having spaces for all gender identities and expressions to be able to participate in the necessary steps to being employed in the fire service. The project will allow for additional locker

rooms, multiple washroom/shower facilities and multiple bunkroom areas.

The project is capable of being completed by the end of 2021 as required and the budgeted cost based on preliminary estimates of this work is \$230,000.

2. Women's Locker Room – Environmental Services Plant 2 – this project has most of the same qualities as the Fire Station Renovation project. Plant 2 has only one locker room for staff to shower and change. An additional locker room can be built by renovating the Administrative Building at Plant 2 to facilitate these changes. This project is also capable of being completed by December 31, 2021. The budgeted cost for this project is \$75,000.

These two projects combined are budgeted at \$305,000.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/BUDGET IMPACTS

If successful with the funding request for these projects, this work can be completed without support from the tax levy or the sewer reserve fund.

8. CONCLUSION

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is a cost-shared infrastructure program between the federal government, provinces and ultimate recipients. The COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream – Local Government Intake is funded 80% federally and 20% provincially and is intended to encourage projects that can be started and completed within 2021 and will provide benefits to local communities in the recovery from the pandemic.

The two projects outlined in this report will accomplish these objectives.

While a formal resolution of Council is not a requirement of this program, it is the intention of this report to ensure that Council is supportive of these two projects so that the applications can be submitted by January 7, 2021 as late submissions will not be considered for funding.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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