

**Subject: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Green Stream** 

- Transfer Payment Agreement

To: Council

From: Public Works Department

Report Number: 2023-38

Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

#### **Recommendation:**

That Public Works Department Report 2023-38 be received;

That the Mayor and Acting City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure, for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Green Stream program; and

That the By-law to authorize entering into the agreement, attached as Appendix B, be approved.

### Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council authorization for the Mayor and Acting City Clerk to execute the by-law and funding agreement.

## **Background:**

At the August 23, 2021, Council meeting, (Report 2021-224) the Manager of Water/Wastewater was directed to apply for ICIP: Green Stream funding to replace deficient watermains.

Six potential watermain replacement projects were considered, and four projects were ultimately determined to meet the maximum \$5 million funding. The following locations were included in the application:

- Full length of Davis Street south of Durham Street (660m)
- Full length of Homewood Avenue (600m)

- Full length of Berkley Avenue (450m)
- Sugarloaf Street, between King Street and West Street and south on West St to the dead end (250m)

At the April 26, 2022 Council meeting, Mayor Steele announced that the City's funding application was successful and that the City had received the following funding:

Federal funding: \$1,999,200.00

Provincial funding: \$1,665,883.40

#### **Discussion:**

Since receiving funding confirmation, staff have been working with representatives from the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure to finalize all the necessary paperwork to receive the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA).

Engineering staff have issued and awarded a request for proposal for the design of the Davis, Homewood, and Berkley watermain projects. Design of the Davis Street watermain is currently in progress, with construction anticipated to start in the summer of 2023. Homewood and Berkley are currently in preliminary design, with construction anticipated in early 2024. The Sugarloaf Street/West Street watermain design is scheduled for 2024, with construction anticipated in 2025. All projects must be completed by October 31, 2026.

The TPA was received on February 21, 2023, and the Province has requested that signed copies be returned by Friday, March 24, 2023.

Through this report, staff are seeking direction from Council for the Mayor and Acting Clerk to sign the agreement.

## **Financial Implications:**

As per Public Works Department Report 2021-224, the City's portion of the \$4,998,000 watermain replacement project will be funded over five years from the Water Capital Budget, averaging \$266,700 annually. Year 1 and 2 of the funding was approved by Council as part of the 2022 and 2023 Capital and Related Projects Budget.

### **Public Engagement:**

The City was advised by Infrastructure Canada to notify the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) of the watermain replacement project being undertaken to provide an opportunity for MCFN to convey any issues or concerns regarding possible impacts

to Aboriginal rights on title or any other concerns they may have with the project. Staff have received communication from MCFN that they do not have a high level of concern with the proposed project and approve the continuation of the project. MCFN has requested continued notification regarding the status of the project, and should any changes to the project be required, that MCFN be immediately notified. Staff will continue to keep MCFN appraised of project updates and/or any changes.

#### **Strategic Plan Alignment:**

The initiative contained within this report supports the following pillar(s) of the strategic plan:

- City-Wide Investments in Infrastructure and Recreational/Cultural Spaces
- Value: Financial Management to Achieve Financial Sustainability

#### **Conclusion:**

Signing the Transfer Payment Agreement will finalize the City's ICIP: Green Stream funding and will enable the City to receive the Provincial and Federal funds to replace four deficient watermains in the City.

### **Appendices:**

- a. Transfer Payment Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program
  (ICIP): Green Stream
- b. By-law to authorize TPA for the ICIP: Green Stream Project

Respectfully submitted,

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# **Report Approval:**

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.