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**JOINT OFFICE OF THE CAO/STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND
 DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMISSION
 INFORMATION REPORT 2017-03**

TO: Mayor Van Bynen and Members of Council

SUBJECT: Government Grant Funding Update

ORIGIN: Strategic Initiatives Office

In accordance with the Town’s Procedural Bylaw, any Member of Council may make a request to the Town Clerk that this Information Report be placed on an upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.

COMMENTS

This report provides members of Council with an update to Joint Office of the CAO, Commissions of Development and Infrastructure, Community, and Corporate Services Information Report 2016-12 dated August 10, 2016 regarding Federal Infrastructure Funding Update, subsequent to Joint Office of the CAO, Commissions of Development and Infrastructure, Community, and Corporate Services Information Report 2016-08 dated May 16, 2016 regarding Federal Infrastructure Funding.

Informing Council of federally and provincially funded capital projects is a priority to staff. Approved grants can provide a relief to the operating and capital budgets, and specifically longer term impacts on the Asset Replacement Fund.

The following chart summarizes all infrastructure related applications submitted:

Grant Program	Government	Applications Submitted	Applications Approved	Grant Received / ARF Relief
Canada 150 Community Improvement Program	Federal	11	5	\$292,111
Enabling Accessibility Fund	Federal	3	1	\$24,830
New Horizons for Seniors	Federal	1	1	\$15,000
Clean Water Wastewater Fund	Federal	8	TBD	\$1,462,250
Ontario 150 Capital Investment Program	Provincial	1	1	\$500,000
Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund	Provincial	6	5	\$996,721
Places to Grow Implementation Fund	Provincial	1	0	0
Total		31	13	\$3,290,912

The results of the Federal government's review for the 8 grant applications submitted through the Clean Water Wastewater Fund remain pending at the time this report was prepared. Appendix 'A' attached to this report provides further details on the 12 grants approved for scheduled infrastructure projects funded. Only one project, the Integrated Audio System at the Seniors Meeting Place, is fully funded through the New Horizons for Seniors grant program. Newmarket's contributions to supplement all other grants received for the projects listed will be funded through the Asset Replacement Fund. The most recent announcement received from Service Canada at the end of March advised of Newmarket's success to fund one accessibility upgrade to park washrooms at Ken Sturgeon park through the Enabling Accessibility Fund. Initially three applications were submitted and denied; however, the federal government advised staff that additional funds had subsequently become available due to incomplete applications from previous years and that they intended to distribute the additional funds as widely as possible to the benefit of as many municipalities as possible.

Staff are currently reviewing federal and provincial budget announcements to identify opportunities to align and prioritize infrastructure projects that would otherwise not be funded through Development Charges, the Asset Replacement Fund or Other Reserve Funds for projects anticipated to be implemented between 2018 to 2025 as recommended in Joint Office of the CAO, Commissions of Development and Infrastructure, Community, and Corporate Services Information Report 2016-08 dated May 16, 2016.

STRATEGIC AND BUSINESS PLAN LINKAGES

This report supports and aligns with:

- the Town's Strategic Plan vision of "Being Well beyond the ordinary" in all five strategic directions;
- Council's Strategic Priority theme of Efficiency / Financial Management;
- all six of the Strategic Leadership Team's priority areas, but more particularly EVEN better matching resources with priorities, EVEN better tracking of success, and EVEN better communication; and
- 2016, 2017 and 2018 Budget priorities.

CONSULTATION

This report is being concurrently circulated to the Strategic and Operational Leadership Teams for information purposes.

HUMAN RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Grant related activities from sourcing, coordinating, writing, submitting, through to executing agreements has had an impact on staff resources and is expected to continue with future federal and provincial announcements for upcoming intakes in 2017 and beyond. At this time, it is difficult to assess the full-impact on current staffing levels and/or resource needs.

Grant writing consulting services will continue to be leveraged to fill the current gap in staff resources in order to meet the tight turnaround times between grant announcements and

application due dates as previously experienced during the first intake for both federal and provincial funding applications last year.

BUDGET IMPACT

Operating Budget and Capital Budgets (Current and Future)

There is no immediate operating or capital budget impact as a result of this report.

There may be a need to access grant writing consulting services for future applications which may result in an operating budget impact depending on the intake cycle of application streams and departmental business cycles.

Future successful grant applications for funding capital projects planned for 2018 and beyond will provide relief to capital budget requests and reduce future draws on the Asset Replacement Fund and operating budget impacts where eligible. Staff may also need to re-prioritize and/or defer scheduled infrastructure projects to capitalize on available grant funding opportunities and monies awarded.

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Appendix A to Report 2017-03 – Approved Grants

Project Application	Project Description	Timeline	Total Project Cost (\$)	Grant Funding (\$)	Newmarket's Contribution (\$)
Canada 150 Community Improvement Program					
Youth Centre Renovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installing new windows in the gymnasium; • Replacing existing fixed furniture; • Installing upgraded kitchen cabinetry; • Renovating 20,000 square feet (demolishing and reconstructing non-supporting walls); and • Repainting. 	2017/18	208,500	70,890 (34%)	137,610
Playground Equipment Replacement – Audrie Sanderson Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing outdated playground equipment; • Replacing soil and mulch; and • Installing new playground equipment. 	2016/2017	106,150	36,091 (34%)	70,059
Playground Equipment Replacement – Clare Salisbury Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing outdated playground equipment; • Replacing soil and mulch; and • Installing new playground equipment. 	2016/2017	188,100	63,954	124,146
Playground Equipment Replacement – Ken Sturgeon Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing outdated playground equipment; • Replacing soil and mulch; and • Installing new playground equipment. 	2016/17	223,300	75,922	147,378
Playground Equipment Replacement – Paul Semple Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing outdated playground equipment; • Replacing soil and mulch; and • Installing new playground equipment. 	2016/17	133,100	45,254	87,846
Sub-Total			859,150	292,111	567,039
Enabling Accessibility Fund					
Accessible Park Wshrm Upgrades	Ken Sturgeon	2017	49,660	24,830	24,830
Sub-Total (\$\$)			49,660	24,830	24,830
New Horizons for Seniors					
Seniors Meeting Place	Integrated Audio System	2017	15,000	15,000	0
Sub-Total (\$\$)			15,000	15,000	0

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Ontario 150 Capital Investment Program					
RTRC Renovation (combined with Canada 150 CIP)	Update lounge spaces, lobbies and common areas (such as the hallways and washrooms; repair the roof. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairing and replacing mechanical systems; • Repainting; • Resurfacing the floors; • Replacing existing washroom stalls, toilets, countertops and other washroom appliances; • Repairing and replacing the roof; and • Renovating the existing kitchen. 	2017/18	2,865,000	500,000	2,365,000
Sub-Total			2,865,000	500,000	2,365,000
Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund					
Asset Management	Asset Management Strategy Implementation (\$80,000); Asset Management Consulting Services (\$30,000); Asset Management -Data Collection/Mapping – Water / Wastewater (\$20,000)	2017	130,000	130,000	0
Road Rehabilitation	Lundy's Lane (incl. water, wastewater and road rehabilitation)	2017	795,000	549,021	245,979
Sub-Total			925,000	679,021	245,979
GRAND TOTAL			4,713,810	1,510,962	3,202,848