



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Corporate Services & Clerk

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Laura Moy, Director Corporate Services & Clerk

Date to Council: December 8, 2020

Report Number: CS-2020-38

Subject: Inclusive Community Grant

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That CS-2020-38 entitled “Inclusive Community Grant” **be received;**

And that Administration **be authorized** to make application to the Inclusive Community Grant, as outlined in Report No CS-2020-38, and to install barrier free entrances to the Golden Age Club and the southwest entrance to the Tecumseh Town Hall for a total value of \$60,000 plus HST in eligible project costs;

And further that the Mayor and Clerk **be authorized** to enter into a funding agreement with the Province of Ontario, subject to successful project award.

Background

On November 9, 2020, the Province announced the Inclusive Community Grant (ICG) in Ontario to strengthen communities and provide local opportunities for older adults and people with disabilities, especially during COVID-19.

Inclusive communities create more accessible environments for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. Inclusive communities respond to both the opportunities and challenges of an aging population by creating physical and social environments that support independent and active living and enable older adults and people with disabilities to continue contributing to all aspects of community life.

Inclusive communities align with the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility's Advancing Accessibility in Ontario framework that aims to make the province more inclusive and accessible for everyone by focusing on four key areas:

- breaking down barriers in the built environment,
- government leading by example,
- increasing participation in the economy for people with disabilities, and
- improving understanding and awareness about accessibility.

The ICG program will offer a total of up to \$2 million over two years for projects that take place between February 2021 and March 2022. Each successful applicant is eligible for a maximum of \$60,000 to fully support the total eligible project costs.

Applicants are encouraged to have the written endorsement of both the application and the project by their municipal council. Accordingly, this report is being submitted to Council in support of an application to the ICG as identified below.

Comments

ICG Application

In accordance with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (Act), the Town has developed an Accessibility and Multi-Year Accessibility Plans, in consultation with the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee. The Accessibility and Multi-Year Accessibility Plans clearly demonstrate the Town's commitment to continuous efforts to identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities, including staff. Improving access to all municipal owned facilities, premises and services for persons with disabilities is a fundamental component to the Town's Accessibility and Multi-Year Accessibility Plans.

The Town Hall rear entrance located on the southwest side of the building, as well as the Golden Age Club (GAC) entrance door are not barrier free. Replacing these entrances with sliding automatic doors would remove these barriers. Replacement of the existing doors at both the Town Hall and GAC aligns with the ICG's commitment to breaking down barriers in the built environment. In addition, improvements will be made to the accessible ramp at Town Hall to bring it into compliance with the Ontario Building Code, including upgrades to guard rails, resurfacing and modification of the approach at parking lot level.

Barrier free entrances at the front of Town Hall were included in the Town Hall Renovation Project currently under reconstruction.

In keeping with the ICG project requirements, the proposed retrofit to both of these facilities' accessible entrances further supports and implements portions of the 'action plan' outlined in the Town's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan's commitment to:

- incorporate accessibility design, criteria and features when procuring or acquiring goods; and
- Construct or redevelop exterior paths of travel with the width, height, surface and surface area, surface opening, changes in level, running and cross slope features that meet the prescribed standards.

The existing entrances at both the Town Hall and GAC are challenging for persons with disabilities and older adults and seniors. Sliding automatic doors and improvements to the barrier free path of travel would assist to reduce barriers to accessing the facility.

In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the replacement of automatic sliding doors will also limit touch points and reduce the possibility of further transferring the virus amongst persons accessing the facilities, including the most vulnerable older adults and seniors at the GAC.

ICG Collaboration

While no cash or in-kind contribution is required, applicants are encouraged to establish partnerships, as well as obtain letters of support for submission with the ICG application.

Accordingly, the Town is collaborating with the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Golden Age Club regarding this initiative to receive endorsement of the project. Additionally, the Joint Health & Safety Advisory Committee and CUPE Local 702 are being consulted on this project as it relates to staff access via the rear entrance at Town Hall.

Consultations

Parks & Recreation Services
Information & Communication Services
Financial Services

Financial Implications

As the eligible costs of this project are fully funded by the Provincial government, there is no requirement for top-up funding by the Town.

An estimate was received from Anchor Doors & Service Inc. for the purpose of establishing a budget for the Town's application to the ICG.

The approximate cost for replacement of the outside set and inside single set of doors at the rear entrance to the Town Hall, including repair costs resulting from the removal of existing doors is \$32,100 plus HST.

The cost of improvements and modifications to the ramp at the Town Hall staff entrance is estimated at \$10,000 plus HST.

Additionally, the projected cost for the single automatic sliding door at the Golden Age Club is \$12,000 plus HST.

The total estimated budget for the Town's application to the ICG is \$60,000 plus HST, inclusive of \$5,900 contingency to cover any unforeseen cost overruns.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

Communications

Not applicable ☒

Website ☐ Social Media ☐ News Release ☐ Local Newspaper ☐

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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