



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Planning & Building Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Chad Jeffery, Manager Planning Services

Date to Council: May 14, 2019

Report Number: PBS-2019-13

Subject: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program
2019 Intake of the Public Transit Funding Stream
Lesperance Road Multi-Purpose Pathway - Cty Rd 22 to Cty Rd 42

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Report No. PBS-2019-13 titled Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program 2019 Intake of the Public Transit Funding Stream Lesperance Road Multi-Purpose Pathway – Cty Rd 22 to Cty Rd 42 **be received;**

And that, based on the feedback received during the May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council, Administration **bring forward** a future report to Council on May 28, 2019 recommending the direction forward for this project.

Background

The purpose of this Report is to propose to Council a candidate project for funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). The ICIP is a cost-shared infrastructure program designed to create long-term economic growth, build inclusive, sustainable and resilient communities and support a low-carbon economy. This program will result in up to \$30 billion in combined federal, provincial and municipal infrastructure funding to cost-share projects under the following four streams:

- **Public Transit**
- Green Infrastructure
- Community, Culture and Recreation
- Rural and Northern Communities

The Public Transit stream of ICIP will assist in building new and enhancing existing urban transit networks and service extensions. The program is cost-shared amongst federal, provincial and municipal governments with the federal and provincial governments providing \$8.3 billion and \$7.3 billion, respectively. This funding could ultimately support transit projects in Ontario for up to 96 municipalities and Metrolinx.

The Public Transit stream funding is allocated based on ridership to every municipality that receives Provincial Gas Tax funding and has reported ridership data to the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) for 2015. Since the inception of a public transit service in 2009, the Town has reported ridership data to CUTA and is therefore eligible for ICIP funding.

The **first intake** for the **Public Transit stream** opened on April 2, 2019 and has the potential to provide up to \$1.63 billion for 85 municipalities located outside of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). The Town of Tecumseh is one of the 85 municipalities that could benefit from the first intake.

The maximum cost share allocations from the federal and provincial governments to the Town of Tecumseh for the first intake of the Public Transit stream are as follows:

Federal Allocation (Max)	\$254,579
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Provincial Allocation (Max)	\$212,128
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To receive the foregoing maximum amounts, the Town would have to contribute a minimum of \$169,741 toward the eligible project.

Eligibility

Eligible projects must include one of the following outcomes:

- Improved capacity of public transit infrastructure;
- Improved quality and/or safety of existing or future transit systems; and
- **Improved access to a public transit system.**

Funding can be directed to new construction, rehabilitation or replacement of eligible transit infrastructure projects. This infrastructure includes:

- Rolling stock assets;
- Fixed assets;
- Transit exclusive infrastructure; and
- **Active transportation directly connected to the public transit system.**

Timelines

Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted through Grants Ontario by **May 28, 2019**.

It is estimated that applicants will be notified if their project has been selected for nomination to the federal government for review and approval in summer 2019 and applicants will be notified of the federal funding decision in summer/fall of 2019.

Projects must be completed by **March 31, 2027**.

Eligible Costs

Eligible project costs are those considered to be direct and necessary for the successful implementation of an eligible project including capital costs, design/engineering and planning.

Project costs are eligible only if incurred **after** federal approval and contracts must be awarded **after** federal approval of funding.

Comments

As noted earlier in this Report, one of the requisite outcomes of the ICIP is improved access to a transit system. This improved access can include **active transportation directly connected to the public transit system**. In its Transportation Master Plan (TMP), the Town has identified an off-road, multipurpose pathway extending from County Road 42 to County Road 22 as part of its Active Transportation Network (see Attachment 1). This network has been coordinated with plans and recommendations from the County Wide Active Transportation Study (CWATS) and the City of Windsor Bicycle Use Master Plan (BUMP). The expansion of the Active Transportation Network is a municipal focus for several reasons, including: it promotes environmental sustainability, personal health and equity in transportation service. Lesperance Road is an important north-south transportation corridor that is the only Town-controlled crossing of County Road 22.

This project is identified in the Town's Capital Works Program for 2021-22 and is more specifically described as follows:

- A 2.4 metre asphalt trail on the west side of Lesperance Road extending from County Road 22 to County Road 42 (approximately 3.0 km);
- The trail will tie into the existing path at the CPR Rail Crossing with no changes to the pedestrian maze and pavement within the CPR Rail Right-of-Way;
- The trail will extend through existing driveways;
- There will be an allowance for driveway and landscape restoration;
- The pathway elevation will match existing grades.

In addition to promoting active transportation, this multipurpose pathway has the potential to better connect residents within the Tecumseh Hamlet to the Tecumseh Transit Service (TTS). Although the TTS does not currently directly serve the neighbourhoods of the Tecumseh Hamlet, it does include a bus stop located at Lesperance/Renaud intersection (see Attachment 1). This stop is within one block of northerly terminus of the proposed Lesperance Road multi-

purpose pathway. It is believed that the construction of the multipurpose pathway from County Road 42 to County Road 22 will contribute to improving access to the TTS thereby meeting the ICIP criteria noted above.

If the Town is successful in securing funding for the proposed multipurpose pathway project, it may want to consider reinstating transit service to the south side of County Road 22. This stop was removed as a result of a review of the TTS in 2018 which concluded that the low ridership at this stop did not warrant its continuation due the time delays experienced in crossing the signalized intersection at County Road 22 and Lesperance Road. Further analysis would be provided in order to fully and appropriately consider this adjustment.

In accordance with the foregoing, Administration recommends:

That Report No. PBS-2019-13 titled Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program 2019 Intake of the Public Transit Funding Stream Lesperance Road Multi-Purpose Pathway – Cty Rd 22 to Cty Rd 42 **be received**;

And that, based on the feedback received during the May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council, Administration **bring forward** a future report to Council on May 28, 2019 recommending the direction forward for this project.

Consultations

Public Works & Environmental Services
Financial Services

Financial Implications

Dillon Consulting has provided the Town with the following preliminary construction cost estimate:

Detail	Cost
Total Estimated Construction Costs	\$885,058
Engineering – Design	\$44,253
Engineering – Contract Admin/Construction Observation	\$88,506
Geotech Investigation (During Construction)	\$8,000
Total Project Costs	\$1,025,817

Should the Application for funding be successful, the following financial implications arise:

Detail	Cost
Total project cost:	\$ 1,025,817
Federal cost share (max):	\$ 254,579
Provincial cost share (max):	\$ 212,128
Amount to be funded by Town:	\$ 559,110

The \$559,110 municipal share of the project costs is to be funded through:

- Lifecycle Roads Reserve – approximately 25%
- New Infrastructure Reserve – approximately 75%

Lifecycle Roads Reserve will fund that portion of the project cost that replaces existing sidewalk/path. New Infrastructure Reserve will fund that portion of the project cost that is considered new and/or enhanced trail.

It should be noted that this project has been identified in the Town's Capital Works Program for 2021 – 2022 at a cost of \$864,500.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2017-18 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that the Town of 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 the Town 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 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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Attachment Number	Attachment Name
1	Proposed Multi-Purpose Pathway with Existing Trails and Schools Map
2	Proposed Multi-Purpose Pathway with Tecumseh Transit Route Map



