



## Council Report

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<b>Report Number:</b>	<b>CA2022-010</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	August 23, 2022
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Funding Agreement for Connecting Links Program Grant</b>
<b>Description:</b>	This report presents Council with the funding agreement for the Connecting Links Program capital grant received in support of the resurfacing and reconstruction of King St. in Omemee.
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### Recommendation(s):

**That** Report CA2022-010, **Funding Agreement for Connecting Links Program Grant**, be received; and

**That** the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the grant funding agreement contained in Appendix A of Report CA2022-010.

**Department Head:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

Earlier this year, Corporate Assets Division secured the Connecting Links Program (CLP) grant funded by the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO). Generally speaking, this grant finances up to 90% of eligible costs of a municipal capital project involving a connecting link, subject to a cap depending on the nature of the capital project (\$3,000,000 for roads and \$5,000,000 for bridges).

As approved by Council through the 2022 Tax-Supported Capital Budget, the CLP grant will see the MTO contribute \$3,000,000 toward the resurfacing and reconstruction of King St. in Omemee over 2022-2023. This implies the City has reached the CLP grant funding cap applicable to the project. The purpose of this report is to facilitate Council approval of the funding agreement for the CLP grant.

## **Rationale:**

A key part of Corporate Assets Division's mandate is to remain abreast of and pursue significant capital funding opportunities. So far in 2022, the division has secured for the City approximately \$8,000,000 in grants for various tax-supported and water-wastewater capital projects. Included in this amount is the \$3,000,000 provided by the MTO through the CLP grant.

As with other capital grants, the City is required to enter into a funding agreement with the grantor in order to access the capital funding being offered through the CLP grant. The CLP grant funding agreement is attached hereto as Appendix A. MTO has set a deadline of September 15, 2022 for the City to execute and return this agreement along with the authorizing Council resolution. In order to meet that deadline, this report is being brought to Council now.

## **Other Alternatives Considered:**

As the CLP grant provides approximately \$3,000,000 in funding for a planned capital project, it is to the City's financial advantage to accept the offered funding by entering into the required funding agreement. As such, no alternatives to this report's recommendations have been identified.

## **Alignment to Strategic Priorities**

The recommendations of this report support responsible financial and asset management, and hence align with the strategic priority of "Good Government" identified in the City's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan.

**Financial/Operation Impacts:**

Since the CLP grant supports a planned capital project, the recommendations of this report provide for \$3,000,000 in one-time financial relief and result no added financial commitment to the City.

**Consultations:**

Manager of Infrastructure Construction and Design

**Attachments:**

Appendix A: Contribution Agreement for the CLP Capital Grant



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