

### REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL

#### OBJECTIVE

To provide Council with information regarding an amended transfer payment agreement for funding received under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Public Transit Stream

#### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the report of the Manager of Economic Development dated July 22, 2021 be received

**AND THAT** Council authorize entering into a transfer payment agreement with the Province of Ontario for funding under the ICIP Public Transit Stream in the amount of \$937,500 with shared contributions being 40% Federal, 33.33% Provincial and 26.67% Municipal for a multi-year transit review project.

**AND THAT** bylaw 21-18 be repealed

Respectfully Submitted



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Approved by



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## BACKGROUND

The Municipality made an application to ICIP – Transit Stream and was successful in obtaining funding for a multi year transit review project. It is aimed at reviewing and improving overall accessibility and operations for a more reliable and higher quality Transit service.

The project involves a detailed planning and design for existing transit routes/service and undertake capital review that will provide new route development and schedules to meet community need as well as a capital plan to implement new routes/schedules.

The Capital plan will include phased in purchases for fleet, on board equipment for tracking/accessibility, rehabilitation of existing stop structures for improved accessibility, and installation of new structures for new or existing stops on routes.

Council previously passed bylaw 21-18 authorizing entering into a funding agreement with the Province for this project, however a decision on utilizing internal labour by the funders was still outstanding.

## ANALYSIS

Part of the project involves work to existing transit infrastructure, such as existing stops and shelters for improved accessibility. As well as, the installation of new stops and shelters as determined by the review and route optimization design. Being that transit shelters and stops are maintained by the public works department, the project application involved a request for 'Own Labour' specifically in regards to the upgrades and installation of stops and shelters.

As a requirement under the ICIP a 'own labour force' request and justification was made and has recently been approved. This allows the municipality to claim the costs associated with internal labour and equipment costs pertaining to this project.

An updated transfer payment agreement reflecting the approval to utilize internal labour has been drafted and forwarded for review and authorization.



## FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total project costs and funding remain the same as the initial agreement and are as follows;

**Total eligible project costs:** \$937,500 (including 25% contingency as recommended for capital projects escalating over multiple years)

**Total project funding:**

Federal (40%)	\$ 375,000
Provincial (33.33%)	\$ 312,469
Municipal (26.67%)	<u>\$ 250,031</u>
Total	\$ 937,500

As reported to Council previously, the City may use the gas tax funds that are for transit towards their contribution. Over the span of the project the Municipalities Contribution would be just over \$83,000 per year where as the gas tax funds for transit have historically averaged around \$120,000 annually.

## LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Implementation of a boat slip rental program supports the strategic plan in the following areas:

- Continued investment into infrastructure
- Support local business community
- Customer service excellence

## SUMMARY

Authorizing the entering into the amended transfer payment agreement for the multi-year transit review project will provide funding for a complete transit review that will improve accessibility and overall quality of service for the community.

