

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2015

Item 20, Report No. 24, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 23, 2015.

20 CANADA 150 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance and City Treasurer and the Director of Financial Planning and Analytics, dated June 2, 2015, be approved; and**
- 2) That the following be approved in accordance with Communication C2, from the Commissioner of Finance and City Treasurer and the Director of Financial Planning & Analytics, dated May 29, 2015:**
 - 1. That the capital projects outlined in this report be included in the application package for the Canada 150 Community Improvement Program.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance and City Treasurer and the Director of Financial Planning and Analytics, recommend:

1. That the following report be received for information purposes.

Contribution to Sustainability

Not applicable

Economic Impact

The submission of an application package to the Federal Economic Development Agency for consideration in the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Grant Program will have no economic impact. The projects that are being considered are either approved or recognized and have been included in capital funding forecasts. A successful application will free up capital funds and provide the City with an opportunity to invest in other infrastructure projects.

Communications Plan

Not applicable

Purpose

To obtain Council resolution to submit application(s) to the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario for consideration in the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Grant Program.

Background - Analysis and Options

On Friday May 15, 2015 the Federal Government announced the new Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP) designed to support the “**rehabilitation, renovation and expansion of existing public infrastructure assets**”. The program will provide \$150 million dollars across Canada over the next two years to support such local infrastructure initiatives. Southern Ontario’s portion equates to \$44.4 million and will be administered by The Federal Economic Development Agency (FedDev Ontario).

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On May 19, 2015 FedDev Ontario announced a request for proposals for funding from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP). Application packages are due no later than Tuesday, June 9, 2015 and may include requests for multiple projects. Eligible recipients may receive up to a maximum contribution of \$1 million.

Under the CIP, the City is eligible to submit an application package for multiple projects. The projects must fall under one of the following eligible categories:

- Community Centres
- Cultural Centres and museums
- Parks, recreational trails
- Libraries
- Recreational facilities
- Tourism facilities
- Docks
- Cenotaphs
- Other existing community infrastructure assets (i.e. roads, solid waste management and water)

For each project, a request for up to 50% of the total eligible project costs can be made, although priority may be given to those projects requesting 33.3% of the total eligible project costs. Projects must be substantially complete by March 31, 2018, although priority may be given to those projects that can be substantially complete by June 30, 2017. Project costs incurred between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2018 are eligible. If the application package contains multiple projects, the projects must be prioritized. A resolution of Council is not required at time of application submission, but one must be received before a contribution agreement can be executed. It should be noted that the CIP guidelines state that priority may be given to smaller-scope projects to ensure projects can be completed within the required timeframes.

On May 20th, staff reviewed approved 2015 capital projects and 2016-2017 recognized capital projects to determine a list of potential projects that meet the CIP criteria. Prior to finalizing a recommended list of projects, staff will also review other open projects that have not begun construction.

To assist in refining the review of projects, the following criteria were applied:

- Projects under \$1 million in total project costs, that are likely to be able to be completed within the timeframes of the program
- Projects currently funded from Infrastructure Reserve or Taxation
- Projects that are within the categories identified in the program guide

A detailed list of potential projects is provided in Attachment 1. The timeframe criterion of the program has required staff to consider projects that have not yet been approved but are recognized in future years. Those recognized projects that are selected as part of the prioritized list and receive program approval would need to proceed and conditional approval of those projects would be sought. If recognized projects do not receive program approval, they will continue to be considered recognized and assessed during the 2016-2019 budget process.

Next Steps

Financial Planning and Analytics staff will work with relevant departments and Commissioners to review the potential projects and develop a prioritized list to recommend to the Committee of the Whole via a communication. As each project will require a detailed application package, staff are targeting a maximum list of ten applications.

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

Not applicable

Regional Implications

Not applicable

Conclusion

An application package should be completed and submitted to The Federal Economic Development Agency for consideration for the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Potential Capital Project Listing

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)