

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2016**

**42 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAMS:  
CANADA 150 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM – INTAKE TWO  
AND INFRASTRUCTURE CANADA PROGRAMS**

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Chief Corporate Initiatives and Intergovernmental Relations and the Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer, dated June 21, 2016, be approved; and
- 2) That in addition to the list provided in Attachment 1 to this report, a project be included for City-wide Streetscaping/Beautification in the amount of \$1 Million to create a permanent legacy of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and further that the design include a monument/marker that identifies Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and such monument/marker be maintained annually.

1. That an application package be submitted for the second intake of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program;
2. That application packages be submitted for the new Federal Grant funding streams of the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund, Clean Water Wastewater Fund, New Building Canada Fund and Federation of Canadian Municipalities Funding, once a call for applications is received;
3. That upon notification of grant award(s), the City Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary agreements in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
4. That the City Clerk circulate this report to the local MPP's, federal MP's and Regional Municipality of York; and
5. That Council ratify the actions taken.

Green Directions Vaughan embraces a Sustainability First principle and states that sustainability means we make decisions and take actions that ensure a healthy environment, vibrant communities and economic vitality for current and future generations. Accessing funding from other levels of government aids financial sustainability by releasing capital funds and providing the City with an opportunity to invest in other priority infrastructure projects. The funding streams available support various aspects of sustainability, such as cultivating an environmentally sustainable city, improving asset management planning, and supporting the rehabilitation of city infrastructure.

## Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

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Staff are proposing to submit applications for 20 projects with a total cost of \$7.1 million with potential federal funding of up to \$2.3 million under this stream. All projects are either approved, recognized, or have strong community support. If successful, projects not currently approved or recognized would need to be added to the 2016 Capital Project program with a funding source identified for the city portion.

#### **Federal Government Infrastructure Investment: Public Transit Infrastructure Fund, Clean Water Wastewater Fund, New Building Canada Fund, and Federation of Canadian Municipalities Funding**

Staff are proposing to submit applications for 55 projects with a total cost of \$348 million with potential federal funding of up to \$102 million under these streams. Together with capital projects that exist in the current capital plan, additional priority projects have been identified and are recommended for submission:

- VMC – YMCA/City Library and Recreation Centre Partnership Project
- GIS Upgrade Asset Management Infrastructure
- MacMillan Farm Site Improvements and Creek Rehabilitation
- Master Data Management for Asset & Infrastructure Data
- MNR Buildings and Lands – project specifics are dependent on direction received by Council

Should the grant applications for these projects be successful, the projects would need to be added to the 2016 Capital Project program and a funding source identified for the City portion.

Any projects that require an amendment to the 2016-2018 Capital Plan will be reported through the City's Quarterly Fiscal Health Report that is presented at the Finance, Audit and Administrative Committee. The required City portion of funding for these new or amended projects will need to be accommodated from within the existing approved capital funding envelope(s).

It should be noted that the successful award of applications for projects may require staff to review and reprioritize departments' workloads.

#### **Communications Plan**

This report will be circulated to Provincial and Federal Members of Parliament, Regional Municipality of York Chair and CAO.

Although a formal communication plan is not required, successful grant applications may have required communication standards such as inclusion of funding partner logos and multi-stakeholder news releases etc. If so, Staff will ensure that the City remains compliant.

#### **Key Messages**

- Vaughan Council continues to be committed to working collaboratively with the Federal and Provincial Governments to improve the quality of life for residents and welcomes the opportunity to provide the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure with a strategic list of initiatives that will continue to "Build Ontario Up".
- Vaughan is one of Canada's fastest growing cities with a population of more than 320,000 residents and 10,000 businesses

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- Under the Provincial Growth Plan, the Province identified Urban Growth Centers (UGC) as areas for major intensification. Following this mandate, the City of Vaughan is building a downtown, the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC), which will be the first complete UGC mobility hub offering subway, auto, and bus rapid transit. The VMC will be home to a minimum of 25,000 new residents and 11,000 jobs by 2031. The downtown is poised to be the financial, innovation and cultural centre of the City with an expected 20,000 people movements by transit each day by 2019.
- Projects proposed are located throughout the City, including new libraries, parks and the revitalization to neighbourhood parks, environmentally important water and storm water projects, replacement of the City's tree canopy and investments in infrastructure throughout the City
- For projects that received federal funding approval, the City portion of funding will be accommodated from within the existing Council-approved capital funding envelopes.

#### **Purpose**

A Council resolution is requested to submit application(s) to the second intake of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program and execute any agreements upon notice of successful award of funding. An application submission deadline of June 24 has resulted in this addendum item. A Council resolution is also being sought to submit applications to the new Federal Grant funding streams of the New Building Canada Fund, Public Transit Infrastructure Fund and Clean Water Wastewater Fund once program guidelines and intake procedures are announced, and to execute any agreements upon notice of successful award of funding.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

The 2016 Federal budget announced an infrastructure plan that commits to smart, strategic investments that will grow Canada's economy and improve the lives of Canadians. On February 25, the Federal Government announced further details regarding its planned new investment in infrastructure. This included identifying oversight of the funding allocations for each province and territory will be delivered to the respective Ministry that will be responsible. For Ontario that is the Honourable Brad Duguid, M.P.P. Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure.

As information regarding the Federal infrastructure investment continues to be made available, the Corporate Management Team proactively met on several occasions since April 28 to identify a process to evaluate existing and proposed Capital Projects that could use these infrastructure dollars. The purpose of these meetings was to ensure preparatory work takes place to ensure the City is ready to submit any grant applications and other information when requested by the Province.

In addition to the previously identified priorities that were submitted to the Provincial and Federal Budget Consultations [Item 5, Report No. 4, of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 16, 2016.], the Corporate Management Team is able to provide Council in this report a list of capital projects that will be submitted for consideration, under one of the five Federal Funds.

The Federal Government also has opened two streams for potential grant funding to support the celebration of the 150 anniversary of Canada:

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1. Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program - announced in two intakes. The first intake of applications occurred in June 2015. The City of Vaughan had six successful applications to the program, receiving grant funding approval of \$780,171 (Committee of the Whole, Rpt 21, Item 26). The Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario has now opened up the second intake of applications, committing an additional \$44.4 million with a submission due date of June 24, 2016.
2. Canada 150 Fund - At the June 7 meeting of Council, an addendum item *Canada 150 Celebration Opportunities – City-Wide* was approved authorized staff to submit an application for up to \$200,000 to the Canada 150 Fund in support for funding Vaughan's Canada 150 celebration opportunities. This application was submitted on June 15 to Heritage Canada.

#### **Project Profile**

Proposed projects span a variety of services provided by the City:

- Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) – Projects include the YMCA/City Community Centre and Library, Edgeley Pond and the Black Creek Channel; all vital to bringing development to the VMC.
- Support and Promote Arts, Culture, Heritage and Sports in the Community – Rehabilitation at Al Palladini Community Centre and the design and construction of the Block 11 Community Centre and Library and Vellore Village Library; Park design and construction in Blocks 18, 59, 40, renovation of the Kleinberg United Church, the progress of the construction of the North Maple Regional Park and the design and construction of a public square at City hall.
- Asset Management – Projects include GIS technology and data management components associated with the city-wide asset management plan.
- Invest, Renew and Manage Infrastructure and Assets – Project scopes include playground safety and accessibility requirements, tennis court rehabilitation, playground expansions, improving trail signage, culvert and watermain replacements and the conversion of streetlights to LED.

Projects have been identified to a potential federal program. In some cases, more than one program has been identified. In that case, an application to multiple programs may occur for one project. This final decision on project eligibility for the programs will be determined when the project guidelines are released.

#### **Federal Programs Available:**

##### **Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program – Second Intake - \$44.4 million available**

Budget 2016 (Federal) committed \$150 million over two years to renovate, expand or improve existing community and culture infrastructure. This is in addition to the \$150 million already committed under the Canada 150 infrastructure Program announced in the Economic Action Plan 2015. For southern Ontario, this equates to a program of \$88.8 million over two years that is being delivered by Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario).

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Staff have reviewed the capital projects in the 2016-2018 capital plan to determine what projects best fit the fund requirements and should be considered for this intake. These projects are identified on Attachment 1. The following criteria were applied when reviewing potential projects:

- Projects under \$1 million in total project costs, that are likely to be able to be completed within the timeframes of the program (April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2018)
- Projects currently funded from Infrastructure Reserve or Taxation
- Projects that are within the categories identified in the program guide:
  - 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)

**Following Council's approval of this report, staff will complete application packages to FedDev Ontario for the projects to be submitted to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program by the deadline of June 24, 2016.**

#### **The Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) – Ontario allocation \$1,468,680,000**

The PTIF will primarily support investments that meet immediate public priorities including: projects that improve the state of good repair of public transit, that support system optimization and efficiency, increase asset management capacity, and design and planning for future expansion of public transit systems. A number of City projects complement the implementation of VIVA Rapidco, Metrolinx and TTC projects. However at this time no City of Vaughan projects are proposed for submission under this funding stream. It should be noted that the Region has proposed three projects to be submitted under this stream. Attachment 3 is York Regional staff's report to the Regional Committee of the Whole on June 16. Transit projects can be found in table 3.

#### **Clean Water Wastewater Fund (CWWF) – Ontario allocation \$569,642,062**

The CWWF will primarily focus investments on meeting immediate priorities for clean water and wastewater to support a cleaner and healthier environment for communities. These include:

- the rehabilitation and optimization of water, storm water, and wastewater related infrastructure;
- improvement of asset management approaches including studies and pilot projects;
- planning for future upgrades to wastewater treatment and collection infrastructure to meet applicable regulatory requirements; and
- new construction projects, including the construction of naturalized systems for management and treatment of wastewater and storm water may also be considered if they can be completed within the program timeframe.

It should be noted that the Region has proposed seven projects to be submitted under this stream. Attachment 3 is York Regional staff's report to the Regional Committee of the Whole on June 16. Clean Water Wastewater projects can be found in table 4.

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#### **2014 New Building Canada Fund – Ontario allocation \$2,720,342,980**

The 2014 New Building Canada Fund (NBCF) has been improved to provide provinces and territories greater flexibility to commit all remaining funding within the next two years (by March 2018).

Five new categories have been added to the fund: Tourism, Culture, Recreation, Passenger Ferries Services Infrastructure, and Civic Assets and Municipal Buildings.

It should be noted that the Region has proposed eight projects to be submitted under this stream. Attachment 3 is York Regional staff's report to the Regional Committee of the Whole on June 16. New Building Canada projects can be found in table 8.

#### **Federation of Canadian Municipalities Funding**

Budget 2016 also announced funding for local governments to support asset management planning activities and climate change resilience investments. The following funding is to be administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for capacity building directly to municipalities:

- \$50 million to increase municipal capacity for asset management
- \$75 million to support enhanced municipal planning for climate change resilience

#### **Attachment 1 provides the proposed list of projects for application under each funding stream**

In response to a letter from the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities (MP) to the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure (MPP) (Attachment 3), Financial Planning and Development Finance staff reviewed the City's capital needs projections to identify projects that may qualify for any of the above grant opportunities.

The initial review excluded projects based on the following three filters:

- Expenses Incurred to Date: Projects that had a significant actual spend to date were excluded.
- 100% Grant or DC Funded projects: Projects that are funded 100% from Gas Tax or Development Charges were excluded.
- Grant Funding Stacking Limit would exceed 50%: Any project that allocates over 50% of its funding requirement from federal grants would exceed this stacking limit and was excluded.

The portfolio teams identified potential grant linkages and reviewed this information with departments for verification and validation. Attachment 2 provides the resulting list of recommended projects

Staff will continue to monitor the progress of the bilateral agreements between the Federal and Provincial governments. Once grant intakes are announced for the above mentioned funding streams, staff will complete application packages that align with the announced program guidelines for submission in accordance with the program deadlines established. As this may occur during Council's hiatus, it is recommended that Council pass a resolution authorizing the submission of applications at this time.

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#### **Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)**

The City of Vaughan is committed to investing in our community's future and building on the citizen experience to provide the most value to residents. Priorities for this term of Council include improving the municipal road network, facilitating the development of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, Supporting the development of the hospital, re-establishing the urban tree canopy, creating affordable housing options, establishing a lobbyist registry, attracting investment and creating jobs, and supporting and promoting the arts, culture, heritage and sports in the Community.

The grant applications for the capital projects described in this report directly assist in fulfilling the following 2014/18 Term of Council priorities:

- Support and promote arts, culture, heritage and sports in the community
- Continue to develop transit, cycling and pedestrian options to get around the City
- Invest, renew and manage infrastructure and assets
- Attract investment and create jobs
- Facilitating the development of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre

#### **Regional Implications**

If it is determined that there are regional implication as more information becomes available during the detailed design phase of the proposed projects staff will consult with the region.

#### **Conclusion**

The tremendous growth that Vaughan has experienced has brought both challenges and opportunities, as City Council strives to manage the fiscal, economic, social, institutional, recreational and cultural requirements of the city's increasingly diverse population.

With a population of more than 320,000 residents, the City of Vaughan has been one of the fastest growing communities in Canada and will continue to be over the next 15 years as it becomes home to more than 416,600 people and 266,100 jobs.

This growth will be magnified when the 8.6 km extension of the Spadina Subway extension opens for service in 2017 in the City's new downtown, the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre. York Region Rapid Transit anticipates that the within a year of the Subway opening approximately 20,000 people will be using the Mobility Hub on a daily basis. The opportunity to partner with the Federal and Provincial governments to provide critical infrastructure such as the YMCA/City Library and Community Centre at the heart of the downtown is crucial to support the most important Urban Growth Centre in the Greater Toronto Area. Vaughan's new downtown will be home to a minimum of 25,000 new residents and 11,000 jobs by 2031.

This report has identified 60 capital projects totaling more than \$349 million that directly support the 2016 Federal budget infrastructure plan that commits to smart, strategic investments that will grow Canada's economy and improve the lives of Canadians.

It should be noted that the successful award of applications for projects may require staff to review and reprioritize departments' workloads.

With Council's approval of the recommendations, an application package will be completed and submitted by the June 24 deadline to The Federal Economic Development Agency for consideration for the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program – Second Intake. Application packages will be finalized when program guidelines and intake dates have been

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announced for the Public Infrastructure Fund, Clean Water Wastewater Fund, New Building Canada Fund and Federation of Canadian Municipalities Funding and submitted as directed.

Attachment 1 provides a proposed listing of projects, sorted by ward, for application submission for the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program and other Federal Government Infrastructure Investment: Public Transit Infrastructure Fund, Clean Water Wastewater Fund, New Building Canada Fund, and Federation of Canadian Municipalities

**Attachments**

1. Canada 150 CIP and Federal Government Infrastructure Investment: Public Transit Infrastructure Fund, Clean Water Wastewater Fund, New Building Canada Fund, and Federation of Canadian Municipalities Application Listing
2. Letter from Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
3. Regional Report: Federal and Provincial Infrastructure Funding Opportunities

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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.)