



TOWN OF
HALTON HILLS
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REPORT

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Amy Prueter, Manager of Budgets and Financial Reporting

DATE: July 8, 2024

REPORT NO.: CS-2024-022

SUBJECT: Funding Agreement for the Renewed Canada Community-Building Fund, 2024-2034

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. CS-2024-022 dated July 8, 2024, regarding the Funding Agreement for the Renewed Canada Community-Building Fund 2024-2034 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Treasurer be authorized to sign the "Municipal Funding Agreement for the Canada Community-Building Fund;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to bring forward a by-law (Appendix A) to execute the Municipal Funding Agreement between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Town of Halton Hills, and all subsequent agreements or amendments with respect to the Canada Community-Building Fund with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- The Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) have renewed the Administrative Agreement on the Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly Federal Gas Tax) to provide a predictable source of funding for municipal infrastructure.
- The Town of Halton Hills is required to renew the Municipal Funding Agreement (MFA) for the ten-year period of 2024 to 2034 to receive funding.
- The total allocation for the Town over the first five years is \$10.4 million.

- All relevant information relating to the use of CCBF will be communicated through the annual capital budget process, and as needed, through any future reports to Council.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

Effective April 1, 2024, the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, and AMO extended the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) to 2034, making it a stable and predictable source of funding for municipalities. The funds will be provided to municipalities twice a year for investment in capital infrastructure across 18 project categories, with no requirement to apply. AMO will continue its role of administering the CCBF on behalf of the Government of Canada for the ten-year term of the agreement.

The new agreement will provide over \$2 billion to Ontario municipalities each year on a per-capita basis, with the Town of Halton Hills receiving \$10,390,731.94 over the first five-year period.

The allocation of funds to the Town of Halton Hills is scheduled as follows:

Year	Allocation
2024	1,979,187.04
2025	2,061,653.16
2026	2,061,653.16
2027	2,144,119.29
2028	2,144,119.29

The Town is now in receipt of the new Municipal Funding Agreement (MFA) which must be executed through a municipal by-law. The MFA sets out the federal requirements for which the municipality will agree to comply. A new requirement for the 2024 to 2034 MFA is the completion of a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) by municipalities with a population of 30,000 or more at the time of the 2021 Census. The HNA is required to be submitted to AMO and published on the Town's website by March 31, 2025.

Two signed copies of the MFA, along with a copy of the authorizing by-law will be sent to the AMO, in accordance with the terms set out in the agreement.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report is administrative in nature and does not have an impact on the Town's Strategic Plan.

RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:

This report is administrative in nature and does not directly impact or address climate change and the Town's Net Zero target.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Public Engagement was not needed as this report is administrative in nature.

INTERNAL CONSULTATION:

Internal consultation was not needed as this report is administrative in nature.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This report is administrative in nature and does not have any financial implications.

The Town will receive approximately \$10.4 million over the next five years. Staff has already identified some of the capital projects that will benefit from the CCBF revenues through the 2024 Capital Budget and Forecast as per Council's Resolution.

Staff recommends that the requirements set by the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, and AMO be met as outlined in the Municipal Funding Agreement (MFA) so that the federal funding may be received.

Reviewed and approved by,

Moya Jane Leighton, Director of Finance & Town Treasurer

Laura Lancaster, Commissioner of Corporate Services

Bill Andrews, Acting Chief Administrative Officer