

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair and Members of the Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee

FROM: Deanna Locey, Transit Supervisor

DATE: September 19, 2019

MEMORANDUM NO.: MEM-TPW-2019-0019

RE: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for Public Transit Stream Update

PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM:

The purpose of this Memorandum is to inform Council that the Town will be applying for funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Public Transit Stream and to provide a summary of the Town's proposed eligible projects.

BACKGROUND:

On July 22, 2019 the Provincial Government announced the second intake of funding through the ICIP Public Transit Stream. Halton Hills is currently eligible to apply for available funding up to a maximum of \$473,114.00 from the Provincial Government and \$567,793.00 from the Federal Government. Funding must be applied to projects directly related to transit between 2019 and 2028. The calculation for allocated funding is based on Provincial Gas Tax subsidies that have been reported with ridership data to the Canadian Urban Transit Association in 2015.

COMMENTS:

To be eligible, projects must meet at least one of the following outcomes: improved capacity of public transit infrastructure; improved quality and/or safety of existing or future transit systems; and/or improved access to a public transit system.

Funding can be directed to new construction, rehabilitation or replacement of eligible transit infrastructure projects. This infrastructure includes rolling stock assets, fixed assets, transit exclusive infrastructure, and active transportation directly connected to the public transit system.

The maximum cost share percentage for funding is 40% from the Federal Government, 33.33% from the Provincial Government, and 26.67% from the Municipality, of total eligible costs.

Staff are proposing that the available funding be applied to the following projects:

- \$100,000 for transit infrastructure of shelters and stops along the Steeles Avenue corridor within the Municipal boundaries of Halton Hills;
- \$930,000 for rolling stock which includes five (5) replacement vehicles in accordance with the Town's fleet asset management plan and one (1) additional vehicle for fleet expansion of transit services; and
- \$370,000 for transit hardware and software technology requirements for the expansion of transit and the support of specialized transit services.

The proposed projects for funding are consistent with the Town's Transit Service Strategy as per Report No. TPW-2019-0026 and as indicated in the draft 2020 Capital Budget Forecast.

CONCLUSION:

The application for funding must be submitted by October 24, 2019. Staff is currently finalizing our submission.

All projects will be approved by the Province prior to being nominated to the Federal Government for final approval. Provincial assessment will be conducted using an outcomes-based approach and will consider:

1. Technical merit
2. Alignment with provincial transit priorities, provincial growth, and land-use policies
3. Financial review

Once Provincial and Federal approval are complete, the Ministry of Transportation will notify each applicant of the result of the review. At that time, staff will compose a report to Council to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation.

Reviewed and approved by,

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Maureen Van Ravens, Manager of Transportation

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Chris Mills, Commissioner of Transportation and Public Works

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Brent Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer