

STAFF REPORT: RECREATION DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: July 16, 2012
REPORT NO.: DOR.12.33
SUBJECT: Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF) Grant Application
PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt
 Director of Recreation

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.12.33 entitled “Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF) Grant Application”; and,

THAT Council support the following projects and priorities as the Town’s Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund Grant Application

- 1) Beaver Valley Community Centre Capital upgrades
- 2) Thornbury Harbour Dock Hydro & Fuel Pump Upgrades
- 3) Landfill Mining; and,

THAT Council, should the grant application succeed, authorize the CAO and Clerk to execute an Agreement with the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund; and,

THAT Council support the application submission to the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund by the Georgian Trail Board of Management for the Georgian Trail Trestle Bridge Rehabilitation

B. Background

The Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund is a grant that is being offered through the Government of Canada and delivered through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario in Ontario.

Eligible applicants can submit for multiple projects and must prioritize each project, eligible recipients may receive contributions of up to a maximum of \$1,000,000. The total funding from all federal sources will not exceed 50 per cent of total eligible project costs. The allocation for Ontario is \$49.6 million over two years; total grant funding for Canada is \$150 million over two years. All applications and supporting documents must be submitted or postmarked no later than 5:00p.m. EDT on August 24, 2012.

The new fund will support the rehabilitation and improvement, including expansion, of existing community infrastructure facilities such as community centres, recreational buildings, local arenas, cultural facilities and other community facilities. **Construction of new infrastructure is ineligible, as well as expansion projects that would result in new infrastructure or a significant increase (i.e. 50 per cent or more in square footage) in the footprint of the facility.**

Eligible recipients under the CIIF include:

- A local or regional government established by or under provincial statute;
- A First Nation government, including a Band or Tribal Council or its agent (including its wholly- owned corporation);
- A not for profit entity;
- A provincial entity that provides municipal type services to communities, as defined by provincial statute; and
- A public-sector body that is wholly owned by a local or regional government (as above).

Eligible Projects must also;

- be for the rehabilitation or improvement, including expansion, of existing community infrastructure assets;
- leverage a minimum of 50 per cent of funding from other sources. Priority may be given to projects that leverage 66.6 per cent or more; and
- be substantially completed by March 31, 2014.

Projects must fall within the following project categories to be eligible for funding under the CIIF:

- Community centres
- Cultural centres
- Parks, recreational trails such as fitness trails, bike paths and other types of trails
- Libraries
- Recreational facilities including local arenas, gymnasias, swimming pools, sports fields, tennis, basketball, volleyball or other sport-specific courts, golf courses, ski hills or other types of recreational facilities
- Tourism facilities
- Docks
- Other existing community infrastructure assets that have a local community impact, such as local roads, drinking water treatment and distribution systems, connectivity and broadband, local airports, solid waste management and waste-water infrastructure.

Staff is recommending the following projects as eligible candidates for application submissions.

1) Beaver Valley Community Centre Hall Front Lobby Repairs and Accessibility upgrades and Beaver Valley Arena Lobby Roof Replacement

These two projects are within the approved budgeted at a total cost of \$250,000; it is recommended that the project be submitted as one project.

2) Thornbury Harbour Dock Hydro & Fuel Pump Upgrades

Staff reviewed the option of submitting for the Dock replacement program, however because of it being construction of new infrastructure it is believed to be ineligible.

The dock hydro and fuel pump upgrades project however does meet the requirements for the funding. The project budget costs are at a total of \$160,000.

3) Landfill Mining

The overall Landfill rehabilitation project includes two distinct pieces. Staff feel as though the expansion of the site may not qualify under the grant guidelines. The mining of the site to correct the existing landfill to ensure that environmental issues are remediated does appear to qualify. Final EA approvals are close to completion and Staff was anticipating a 2013 start at any rate. The mining process can be accomplished in one year and is expected to cost in the range of \$2M-\$2.5M.

4) Georgian Trail Trestle Bridge Rehabilitation

Staff recommends that this project could be submitted by the Georgian trail Board of Management. This project is currently being engineered and work plan being developed to complete works in 2014. The project would need to be accelerated to 2013. Engineering and work plan is to be completed November 2012 allowing for tendering of works in 2013. Georgian trail currently has funding in reserves to cover the expected 50 per cent project. The estimated project costs are \$240,000.00

The following project where considered by staff however the required 33.4% to 50% funding was not secured.

Craigleith Community Centre Parking Lot Expansion

This project has been requested by the Craigleith Board of Management. Currently the facility has parking for approximately 6 cars, staff suggests that the addition of one access point allowing for a circular drive and gravel lot additional would allow for approx 12 to 15 cars. Expected costs are \$15,000.

Craigleith Depot exterior painting and Parking Lot expansion

Over the 2012 season the exterior paint on the Depot has deteriorated as sap from the wood siding is leaching through making the appearance less than desirable. The additional parking is required, however staff does expect push back from the local community in regards to encroachment into the lilacs in and around the Depot property making this project a little tough however important. Anticipated costs are 45,000 for painting \$10,000 for lot expansion.

Northwinds Beach Washroom upgrades

The improvements to the washroom facilities at Northwinds Beach is a prime candidate, the engineering and design for options is underway however we do not expect anything detailed until mid August, costing will need to be determined based on the options that are outlined in this forthcoming report. Additional concerns that staff has are the potential limitations that may be placed on work because of the facilities proximity to the shoreline. No estimate for cost has been established as yet. This CIIF application process also identifies the following for confirmation:

- Are plans and specifications of the project prepared “no”
- Is the project Tender ready “no”
- All necessary environmental approvals have been secured “no”
- All necessary municipal, provincial and federal permits and approvals have been secured “no”
- Is the project located within 250 metres of a federal, provincial or municipal environmentally sensitive area “yes”
- Does the project involve works or activities within 30 meters of a water body such as wetland, stream, river or lake “yes”
- Does the project involve the likely release of a polluting substance into a water body such as a wetland, stream, river or lake “yes”, “if not functioning correctly?”

Tomahawk Irrigation upgrades

This project is expected to cost approx \$25,000 and would allow for more effective and efficient watering of greens and tee decks

Staff also considered the following projects, during review determined these projects to be ineligible due to projects being New Construction.

- Former Town Hall Open Space Development
- Lora Bay Waterfront Development
- Nipissing Ridge Washrooms
- Moreau Park Pavilion
- Curling Club

C. The Blue Mountains’ Strategic Plan

- ▶ Addressing the Town’s municipal infrastructure needs
- ▶ Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community

D. Environmental Impacts

None at this time

E. Financial Impact

All recommended projects are projects identified within 2012 approved Budget, securing of grant funding allows for additional funding opportunities for each of the projects.

F. In Consultation With

Robert Cummings, Director of Finance
Ruth Prince, Manager of Revenue
Troy Speck, CAO
Darcy Chapman, Capital Accountant

G. Attached

None at this time

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation

For more information, please contact:

Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation
severitt@thebluemountains.ca
519-599-3131 ext 281