

STAFF REPORT: Engineering and Public Works



REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: April 7, 2008
REPORT NO.: EPW.08.44
**SUBJECT: 2008 Municipal Road and Infrastructure
Investment – Notice of Approval**
**PREPARED BY: Reg Russwurm, Director of Engineering and
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receives Report EPW.08.44 entitled “2008 Municipal Road and Infrastructure Investment – Notice of Approval” for their information.

B. Background

In a letter dated March 31, 2008, the Town received notice from the Honorable Jim Bradley, Minister of Transportation (MTO), that the Town has been approved to receive \$771,009 for use towards municipal road and bridge capital investment needs. The letter of notice is provided as Attachment 1. The MTO requested that the letter be acknowledged and returned by April 30, 2008.

There is also a requirement for the Town to pass an authorizing By-law or Council resolution by April 30, 2008 referencing that:

1. Funds will be used for municipal roads and bridge capital investment;
2. A summary report will prepared and acknowledged that MTO may request an audit; and,
3. Unexpended funds will be returned

The authorizing By-law or Council resolution will be presented at the April 14, 2008 Council Meeting for Council’s consideration.

There is not a requirement from MTO that the Town identify the project where the funds will be utilized prior to obtaining the funds.

C. The Blue Mountains’ Strategic Plan

The receipt of the funding from MTO furthers the Town Strategic Plan Goal # 2 “Addressing the Town Municipal Infrastructure Needs”.

D. Budget Impact

The Engineering and Public Works Department will coordinate with the Financial Services Department as to the appropriate project to which the funds will be allocated.

E. Attached

1. Letter dated March 31, 2008 from Ministry of Transportation regarding 2008 Municipal Road and Infrastructure Investment notice of approval

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Engineering & Public Works