

Subject: Canada Community-Building Fund Municipal Funding Agreement

Report to: Thorold City Council

Recommendations

1. That the Mayor and Clerk be **AUTHORIZED** sign the Municipal Funding Agreement on the Canada Community-Building fund

Key Facts

- The Canada Community-Building fund (CCBF) (formerly the Federal Gas Tax program) has been provided without a need for application to be invested into priority infrastructure projects.
- A renewed 10-year Municipal Funding Agreement and authorizing by-law is required
- In accordance with Asset Management Plan, funds are allocated to Transportation Capital Works.

Budgetary Status

In accordance with the Council-approved Asset Management Plan, proceeds from this fund are allocated entirely to Transportation (eg. Roads, Storm Sewers) Capital works.

Analysis

AMO administers the Canada Community Building fund (formerly the Federal Gas Tax Program). This is an annual allotment distributed on a per capita basis. Our current agreement expired on March 31, 2024. For Thorold, our allocations for 2024-2028 are as follows:

2024	\$748,777.91
2025	\$779,676.99
2026	\$779,676.99
2027	\$811,176.07

2028	\$811,176.07

In order to continue with receipt of the funds, a municipal by-law authorizing the Municipal Funding Agreement (attached as Schedule 1); the Mayor and Clerk to sign the MFA; and submission of the MFA to AMO must be done.

Very little has changed from the former agreement, with the exception of a heightened focus on housing. Municipalities with populations of 30,000 or more must complete a Housing Needs Assessment by March 2025. Other municipalities with housing pressures are encouraged to develop one.

Staff respectfully recommend that a by-law be prepared to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the MFA.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Municipal Funding Agreement