

TO:	FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON JULY 16, 2012
FROM:	MARTIN HAYWARD CITY TREASURER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
SUBJECT:	COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FUND (CIIF)

RECOMMENDATIONS

That, on the recommendation of the City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the following actions be taken with respect to the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF), announced on July 5, 2012, it being noted that eligible recipients may receive contributions up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 under this program and must contribute a minimum of 50% of eligible costs:

- a. capital projects listed in Table 1, **BE APPROVED** for potential application under the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund, noting that other appropriate projects may also be suggested by Civic Administration for Council approval; and,
- b. Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to submit necessary applications and prepare any necessary by-laws regarding projects that are approved for funding under the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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None.

BACKGROUND

Program Background

On July 5, 2012, the Minister of State for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, the Honourable Gary Goodyear, launched the Ontario allocation of the Community Infrastructure Investment Fund (CIIF). The Fund provides \$49.6 million over two years for the repair and upgrade of community and recreational facilities across Ontario. The program is being delivered by FedDev Ontario.

CIIF was announced in March 2012 in the federal budget and is being administered across Canada by the federal government's regional development agencies. Budget 2012 set aside \$150 million over two years for community infrastructure investments across Canada.

CIIF funding is for rehabilitation or improvement, including expansion, of existing infrastructure that is non-commercial in nature. New infrastructure or expansion that results in an increase of 50 per cent or more in square footage is not eligible. Municipal and non-profit organizations can apply for funding for repairs and upgrades to community and recreation facilities such as: adding ramps to improve accessibility to a facility, adding a roof to an outdoor rink or extending a trail or bike path are eligible. Tourism facilities, cultural centres and libraries are also listed as eligible projects. Priority will be given to projects that can demonstrate anticipated economic benefits to their communities and the use of new technologies and innovation.

Funding will be cost shared and recipients may receive funding of up to \$1 million for a project and up to 50 per cent of the project's total value, however, in Ontario priority may be given to projects that require a federal contribution of 33.3 per cent. Applications for the CIIF program are due August 24, 2012. Applications must be accompanied by a resolution of Council which will be accomplished with the approval of Recommendation a. above. All projects must be completed before March 31, 2014.

Moving Forward

After approval from Municipal Council of the list of potential projects, Civic Administration will review the list in more detail, determine the best priority of projects to be submitted and proceed with submitting applications to FedDev Ontario by August 24, 2012. The broader municipality may be eligible for funding beyond \$1 million under separate applications from a public-sector

body that is wholly owned by a local government. Eligibility criteria are described in the program guidelines. Civic Administration will review the guidelines, work with associated Boards and Commissions, and submit applications in order to maximize contributions to the broader municipality.

The majority of projects included on Table 1 are currently included in the 2013 capital plan. Any contributions from the CIIF will likely reduce the capital requirement in the 2013 Capital Budget such that some funding may be available for other project(s) approved by Municipal Council.

Civic Administration will bring forward updates on the application process and approvals including any required resolutions and by-laws to support the CIIF program.

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