



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

OFFICE OF CORPORATE SERVICES

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To: Mayor and Members of Town Council

Subject: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – COVID-19
Resilience Infrastructure Stream Grant Transfer Payment Agreement

1. **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

1. Authorization **BE GIVEN** to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Infrastructure under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (ICIP) for funding of up to \$463,621 toward the Alma Street Parkette Shoreline Protections and the Park Trail Network at the Libro Centre which have a capital cost of \$463,621 including net HST;
2. A capital expenditure not to exceed \$200,000 including net HST **BE APPROVED** as a first charge to the 2022 Budget for repairs to the Alma Street Parkette and Shoreline Protection project be funded from the ICIP;
3. A capital expenditure not to exceed \$424,000 including net HST **BE APPROVED** as a first charge to the 2022 Budget for repairs to the Parks Trail Network at the Libro Centre project be funded from the ICIP; and
4. **By-law 2021-057** being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Infrastructure for funding **BE TAKEN** as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign same.

2. **BACKGROUND:**

At their meeting of December 14, 2020, Council received a report with the following Motion:

1. Administration **BE DIRECTED** to apply for grant funding from the Ministry of Infrastructure, Investing in Canada Infrastructure program (ICIP) COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream; and
2. The intent to proceed with the project(s) outlined in the application(s) for ICIP funding **BE AFFIRMED** subject to approval of that funding.

Administration then applied for funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program –COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream toward the Alma Street Parkette Shoreline Protection and the Park Trail Network at the Libro Centre.

The report outlined the estimated project cost as follows:

	2021 Budget	2021 Estimated	Variance (over)/under
Capital Project Cost:			
Alma Street Parkette Shoreline Protection	\$ -	\$200,000	(\$200,000)
Park Trail Network (Libro Centre Property)	\$ -	\$263,621	(263,621)
Total Cost	\$ -	\$463,621	(\$463,621)
Capital Project Funding:			
Federal Funding (up to 80%)	\$ -	\$370,897	(\$370,897)
Provincial Funding (up to 20%)	\$ -	92,724	(92,724)
Total Funding	\$ -	\$463,621	(\$463,621)

Due to the timing of the funding announcement this work will be moved into 2022.

3. DISCUSSION:

On May 7, 2021 and August 6, 2021 respectively the Town received confirmation that the project had been approved for funding, conditional on the Town “entering into a comprehensive Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) with the Province and on meeting the conditions outlined in the Transfer Payment Agreement”.

On September 16, 2021 the Town received the TPA for approval with a request to make best efforts to return signed copies of the TPA by Friday October 15, 2021.

Trail estimates proposed in the submitted application did not take into account accessibility or increased cost of materials due to COVID-19. Construction materials and labour rates have increased dramatically due to COVID-19 which is reflected in recent tenders. A compacted granular ‘A’ accessible trail under current pricing, not including boardwalks, will cost the town approx. \$424,000 to construct. In order to satisfy the obligations of the grant the Town will need to make clear with the Ministry the 2km circuit around the Libro will not include any boardwalks or lookouts. This work will be part of a future phase of development.

4. RISK ANALYSIS:

There is financial risk that the municipality may have to fund the replacement of the Parkette and the addition of the Trail Network fully from taxation should Council not approve the TPA and forego senior government funding contributions. There is a moderate to high financial risk to the Town of the obligation to disclose a reduced scope of work than originally proposed for the trail network project. Failure to disclose changes to the project could result in the project not being supported or funded.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Programs, such as the ICIP COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream, are effective tools used by municipalities to address key challenges due to financial constraints. The successful application under the ICIP, offered by the Federal and Provincial governments, will assist the Town in long-term financial stability and enhanced community safety through replacement of critical infrastructure.

The financial impact of the Alma Street Parkette project, inclusive of the grant funding, is estimated to be incurred during 2021 and 2022 as follows:

	2021 Budget	2021 Estimated	2022 Budget 1 st Charge	Total Incl. net HST
Project Cost				
Engineering	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$ 20,000
Construction			180,000	180,000
Total Cost	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
	2021 Budget	2021 Estimated	2022 Budget 1 st Charge	Total Incl. net HST
Project Funding				
Transfer from Reserve	\$0	\$ 0	0	0
Federal Funding (up to 80%)			160,000	160,000
Provincial Funding (up to 20%)			40,000	40,000
Total	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000

The financial impact of the Trail Network at the Libro Centre project, inclusive of the grant funding, is estimated to be incurred during 2021 and 2022 as follows:

	2021 Budget	2021 Estimated	2022 Budget 1 st Charge	Total Incl. net HST
Project Cost				
Engineering	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$ 20,000

Construction			\$404,000	\$404,000
Total Cost	\$0	\$0	\$424,000	\$424,000
	2021 Budget	2021 Estimated	2022 Budget 1st Charge	Total Incl. net HST
Project Funding				
Transfer from Reserve- Reserve Fund General New Capital	\$0	\$ 0	\$160,379	\$160,379
Federal Funding (Max funding)			\$210,897	\$210,897
Provincial Funding (Max funding)			\$52,724	\$52,724
Total	\$0	\$0	\$424,000	\$424,000

6. CONSULTATIONS:

The Director of Infrastructure Services and the Director of Community Services were consulted on this report.

7. CONCLUSION:

Approval of the recommendations in this report will provide significant financial support toward the Alma Street Parkette and the Trail Network at the Libro Centre.



Justin Rousseau
Treasurer

Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	- By-law 2021-057 - ICIP Agreement.docx - ICIP COVID TPA Town of Amherstburg.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Oct 5, 2021

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Giofu', written in a cursive style.

Antonietta Giofu