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**JOINT OFFICE OF THE CAO, AND COMMISSIONS OF DEVELOPMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNITY, AND CORPORATE SERVICES
REPORT 2016-08**

TO: Mayor Van Bynen and Members of Council

SUBJECT: Federal Infrastructure Funding

ORIGIN: Strategic Initiatives

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Joint Office of the CAO, Commissions of Development and Infrastructure, Community, and Corporate Services Report 2016-08 dated May 16, 2016 regarding Federal Infrastructure Funding be received for information purposes and the following recommendations be adopted:

- 1) THAT Council direct Staff to proceed to apply for available grant funding for projects that align with Council's 2014-2018 Strategic Priorities, Administrative Priorities, and 2016 and 2017 Budget Priorities;**
- 2) AND THAT Staff provide Council with a prioritized list of infrastructure projects currently not funded through Development Charges, the Asset Replacement Fund or Other Reserve Funds for implementation between 2018 to 2025 that augment existing priorities, strategies and master plans or leverage grant funding for initiatives that achieve our Corporate Vision of *"a Community Well Beyond the Ordinary"*.**

COMMENTS

Council, at their meeting on February 29, 2016 directed staff to report back within 90 days outlining directions and potential priorities for anticipated federal infrastructure funding applications.

The federal infrastructure funding applications referred to in the Council extract relate to the Federal Government's 2016 Budget announcements. Funding will be distributed in two phases through various funding programs, including the Gas Tax Fund, Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund, the Enabling Accessibility Fund, the Cultural Spaces Fund, and the new Clean Water and Wastewater Fund. The release of information on the details of the funding programs and the application processes are pending. It remains to be determined if Federal funds will be redistributed through the FedDev Program and/or the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program as part of the Phase 1, rehabilitation and maintenance (shovel ready) infrastructure projects 2016/2017. Staff continue to monitor the imminent deployment/redeployment of Federal

funds. Phase 2 – 2018 and beyond, would channel funding to new capital infrastructure projects.

Phase 1 Priority Projects

Staff underwent a project prioritization exercise of existing capital infrastructure projects and identified a number of priorities for which federal grant funding would assist to:

- 1) provide relief from the tax base;
- 2) replenish Asset Replacement Funds; or
- 3) accelerate construction of capital projects in 2016/2017.

These projects are identified in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Phase 1 – 2016-2017 Shovel Ready Capital Infrastructure Projects

Project	Status
Water Meter Replacements	2017
Outside Facilities (Washrooms, etc)	2016, 2017
Recreation/Park Rehabilitations	2016, 2017
Pony Drive Reconstruction	2016 Design/2017
Yonge Street Water Distribution Mains – Secondary Plan Implementation	2017
Forest Glen Low Impact Development (LID)	Tendered/awarded, capital/operational maintenance budget needed
Arnold Cres. Road Reconstruction/Watermain Replacement, LID, Road Resurfacing	2016 - Tender in 2017
Lining Structural Watermain – 5 streets (Roywood, Aster, Glenrose, Towercrest, Cloverdale)	2016 - One contract
Keith Bridge trail underpass for Tom Taylor Trail and Programmable Space Project on East Side of Holland River	2016
Community Centre Lands – Water/Sewer Replacement Design and Reconstruction	2017
Large Culvert Replacements (Millard, Gorham, Queen)	2017
Water Street Pedestrian Crossing	Fall 2016 - Tendered
Artificial Turf Field with YRDSB Partnership (design 2016)	2017
Fire Safety Park	2017

Phase 2 Priority Projects

Staff reviewed the program areas identified by the Federal government in relation to approved master plans and applied criteria through a prioritization exercise to ensure strategic alignment, funding leverage, and financial mitigation, including:

- 1) minimizing operational costs;
- 2) maximizing operational efficiency; and
- 3) financing projects that are not covered through Development Charges or the Asset Replacement Fund.

Based on the Federal Budget focus areas, staff are recommending through this report that future grant funding applications would have the best impact if they address Asset Management Plan needs; Active Transportation Plan implementation; Water and Wastewater Master Plan priorities (as identified in the current study being completed); new (Phase 3) Recreation Playbook facilities, and match with the Key Focus Areas for the 2017 Budget (Corridors, Community Centre Lands, Recreation, Transportation, Organizational Readiness 2020). Examples of Phase 2 projects are identified in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Phase 2 – 2018-2025 New Infrastructure Projects

Project	Status
Implementation of Comprehensive SWM Master Plan	Under Development
Advancement of East-West Bike Lane linkages to Tom Taylor Trail	0-5 years, subject to budget approval
Advancement of East-West Trail Connections	0-5 years, subject to budget approval
Strategic Properties – site implementation	TBD
Cane Parkway re-design/re-build (road, park, parking and trail rehabilitation)	2018, 2019 coordinating with YDSS
Implementation of Phase 3 of Recreation Playbook and other facility considerations	2-5 years, subject to budget approval

For Council's information, there is also funding through the Canada 150 fund in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday in 2017 for which staff are in the process of applying for a grant to enhance tree plantings and red and white flower plantings along the Tom Taylor Trail.

Appendix 1 indicates the alignment of projects included above as they relate to the 2017 Budget Focus Areas, as endorsed by Council.

BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES

This report supports the Town's Strategic Plan's vision of "Being Well beyond the ordinary" in all five strategic directions, as well as Council's Strategic Priority theme of Efficiency / Financial Management.

CONSULTATION

This report and prioritized list of infrastructure projects has been prepared in consultation with the Strategic Leadership and Operational Leadership Team members.

HUMAN RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Depending on the Town's approach and number of applications being submitted for funding, Council direction may have an impact on human resource needs to prepare grant funding applications.

BUDGET IMPACT

Operating Budget and Capital Budget (Current and Future)

There are no immediate operating or capital budget impacts as a result of this report; however, should the Town's future applications be successful and receive funding, there will be a positive impact on future capital budgets and project funding.

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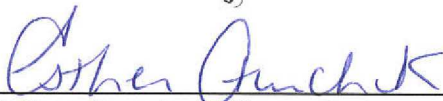
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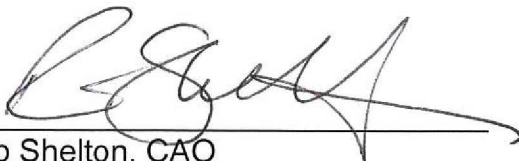
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APPENDIX 1

Priority by Newmarket's 2017 Budget Focus Areas

2017 Budget Priority	Master Plan	Project Examples	Phase	Status
Corridors	-Active Transportation Plan -Asset Management Plan	• Hydro corridor connection from Yonge Street to TTT	Phase 2	
		• Rita Avenue Trail	Phase 2	Scheduled for 2020
		• Arnold Crescent road reconstruction/ watermain replacement, LID, road resurfacing	Phase 1	Tender in 2017
		• New Bike Lanes – East-West linkages to Tom Taylor Trail	Phase 2	Budget required
Community Centre Lands	-Water & Wastewater Master Plan	• Water Meter Replacements	Phase 1	
		• Community Centre Lands – Water/Sewer replacement design and reconstruction	Phase 1	
Recreation	-Recreation Playbook -Asset Management Plan	• Strategic facilities for future programming • Phase 3 of Recreation Playbook Implementation	Phase 2	Subject to budget approval
Transportation	-Asset Management Plan		Phases 1 & 2	Subject to budget approval
Organizational Readiness 2020	-All Master Plans -People Plan		Phases 1 & 2	Subject to budget approval