



# The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

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From: Glen Cowan, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

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Date: February 10, 2020

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Report No: CORS-005-20

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Subject: Municipal Asset Management Funding Program

**Recommendation:** THAT staff be directed to apply for a grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) to support the update of the Town's Asset Management Plan;

**AND THAT** the Town of Milton commits to conducting the Asset Management Plan project in order to advance the Town's asset management program, including funding the Town's share of project cost as outlined in the MAMP;

**AND THAT** the Mayor and the Town Clerk be authorized to execute any agreements associated with the Municipal Asset Management Program.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff are recommending an application be submitted to receive funding through the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) for the 2020 Asset Management Plan (AMP) study that will align with the legislated requirements as outlined in Ontario Regulation 588/17. A Council resolution in support of the Town's application to receive funding is required.

## REPORT

### Background

In 2017, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) began accepting applications for the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP). This program was intended to last for a five-year period and allow for continuous intake of application towards \$50 million in program funding. Eligible applicants could receive up to \$50,000 (representing no more than 80% of eligible project costs), although the average contribution was expected to be approximately \$35,000.



Eligible activities include asset management assessments, asset management policies, plans and strategies, data collection and reporting, training and knowledge transfer. The project end date can be no more than 11 months from the date FCM approves the project for funding. A Council resolution in support of the Town's submission is required as a part of the application process.

The MAMP application guideline published at the beginning of the funding program indicated that applications would be accepted on a continuous basis until June 2020, subject to funding availability. On August 28, 2018, the FCM announced a revised deadline for applications of October 23, 2018. The revised deadline was in response to the significant volume of submissions that had been received and approved since the program's inception.

Staff originally intended on leveraging the MAMP program as part of the next steps the Town is required to take in order to ensure compliance with O.Reg 588/17. However, in response to shortened application deadlines, staff applied for funding towards the Town's Stormwater Management Pond Condition Assessment Study in September 2018 (staff report CORS-062-18). Following the application submission, the Town was advised by FCM that asset management grants for municipalities outside the province of Quebec had been fully allocated and the call for applications was closed.

Most recently, in November 2019, the Town was advised by the FCM that the federal government provided MAMP with a top-up of additional funds and an extension to the scope of the program to accommodate the new funds. The program was increased from a five-year initiative totaling \$50 million to a \$110 million, 8-year program.

Staff proceeded with the Stormwater Management Pond Condition Assessment Study in 2019 as the results of this study are required to inform a planned 2020 update to the Town's Asset Management Plan. However, because this project is nearing completion, it no longer meets eligibility requirements of the MAMP funding which states that the funds cannot be spent in advance of the funding being received.

## Discussion

On December 27, 2017, the Province of Ontario released *Ontario Regulation 588/17 Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure* under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015*. This regulation required municipalities to comply with phased timelines and requirements that range from July 1, 2019 (develop a strategic asset management policy) to July 1, 2024 (analysis of the municipality's risks, asset performance, lifecycle management, and financial strategy to achieve the municipality's proposed levels of service).



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In June 2019, the Town achieved the first key milestone of adopting a Strategic Asset Management Policy (see staff report [CORS-032-19](#)). The next key milestone is July 2021 when the Town's Asset Management Plan must:

- Include an inventory of all core municipal infrastructure assets
- Evaluate current performance of those assets
- Define current levels of service
- Outline lifecycle activities and costs required to maintain current levels of service
- Evaluate the impact of growth on current levels of service

To meet the above noted requirements of O.Reg. 588/17, an update to the Town's existing Asset Management Plan will take place through 2020 with an approved budget of \$258,750 currently funded with Town sourced funding. As this project aligns with FCM's evaluation criteria, staff are recommending that an application be submitted to apply for a grant related this study. The Asset Management Plan project is expected to begin in April 2020 with a final report before the end of 2020.

## Financial Impact

The MAMP provides for 80% of eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$50,000. The Asset Management Plan project (C200101) was approved through the 2019 budget at an estimated cost of \$258,750 with Town source funding. The size of the approved budget as well as the funding sources will be revisited in 2020 based on the results of both the Town's submission for MAMP funding as well as the request for proposal process for completion of the study.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Attachments

None

CAO Approval  
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Chief Administrative Officer