



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

From: Doug Sampano, Commissioner, Community Services
Glen Cowan, Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer

Date: July 13, 2026

Report No: COMS-012-26

Subject: Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) - Local Impact Stream

Recommendation: THAT Council endorse the Town's application to the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) - Local Impact Stream, as outlined herein, including the selection of the Milton Sports Centre Improvements project;

THAT the Commissioner, Community Services be authorized to make any revisions that may be required in relation to the Town's application for the BCSF program;

THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute any agreements that may be required in relation to the BCSF program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The BCSF - Local Impact Stream supports investments in community infrastructure across southern Ontario, including projects that strengthen local economies, enhance community vitality, and improve publicly accessible infrastructure.
- Due to the BCSF program timelines, staff used delegated authority to submit an application for the Milton Sports Centre (MSC) Improvements project. Eligible components of the project include replacement of the pool filtration system, rooftop HVAC units, and the gymnastics area roof.
- The authority requested herein will allow the Town to proceed should the funding request be approved.

REPORT

Background

The Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) - Local Impact Stream is a federal funding program administered by FedDev Ontario to support the construction, expansion, and improvement of community infrastructure across southern Ontario. The program was announced on June 11th, 2026, and is intended to enhance community vitality, support economic development, and improve quality of life through investments in publicly accessible infrastructure.

The program is open to municipalities and local governments, as well as not-for-profit organizations, Indigenous organizations, Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), and eligible public-sector bodies that provide municipal-type infrastructure services.

In southern Ontario, approximately \$330 million has been allocated over multiple years to support capital projects that deliver economic, social, and environmental benefits. Eligible projects must involve infrastructure that is accessible to the public and provides broad community benefit.

The program is open to municipalities and other public-sector organizations and supports capital projects involving publicly accessible infrastructure, including recreation facilities, community buildings, and outdoor public spaces.

Funding is generally provided for projects requesting between \$125,000 and \$1,000,000, subject to program guidelines and available funding. Through the program, up to 50% of eligible project costs may be funded.

Projects must be completed within approximately two (2) years of their start date. Further, any project costs incurred prior to a funding decision are undertaken at the Town's risk; however, subject to program approval, eligible costs may be reimbursed retroactively to April 30, 2026 or up to twelve (12) months prior to the application date, whichever is later.

Applications are currently being accepted under the 2026 intake, with deadlines aligned to project start dates as follows:

- July 9, 2026 - for projects with start dates between April 30, 2026 and March 31, 2027
- August 6, 2026 - for projects anticipated to start on or after April 1, 2027

A municipality may only submit one application.

Background

The Milton Sports Centre Improvements project aligns with the July 9, 2026 intake based on its timing and construction schedule.

Discussion

The Milton Sports Centre (MSC) Improvements project represents a coordinated program of capital rehabilitation works to maintain and extend the useful life of key recreation infrastructure. The project includes components approved under the 2025 and 2026 capital budgets.

For the purposes of the BCSF application, the Town is presenting the project as a single, integrated initiative, while ensuring that only eligible project components are included for funding consideration.

Key components of the project that meet program eligibility criteria include:

- Replacement of the pool filtration system
- Replacement of rooftop HVAC units
- Replacement of the gymnastics area roof

These improvements will maintain the integrity and functionality of the facility, enhance operational efficiency, and ensure continued access to critical recreation services for the community.

The project is currently in progress, with the pool filtration system tender awarded, while the remaining scope of work is anticipated to be tendered in Q3 2026. The overall project is expected to be substantially completed by late 2026 or early 2027, consistent with BCSF program requirements.

Only project components that meet BCSF eligibility criteria, including eligible cost timing requirements, will be included in the funding application. Costs incurred outside of the eligible timeframe will not be considered for reimbursement.

Based on a review of program criteria, the MSC Improvements project meets the requirements for publicly accessible infrastructure and supports the program's objectives related to community benefit and infrastructure renewal.

Given the application deadline of July 9, 2026 for projects already in progress, staff have submitted the funding application utilizing the delegated authority that is provided through by-law 071-2016.



Financial Impact

Should the Town be successful in securing funding under the BCSF program, only eligible project costs will be considered for federal cost-sharing (generally up to a maximum of \$1 million per project). Any costs not funded through the program, including all ineligible components, will be financed through the Town's approved capital budget and applicable reserves.

The total estimated budget for the Milton Sports Centre Improvements project (2025-2026) is \$1,830,844, consisting of:

- \$1,150,110 in eligible costs related to direct construction as well as external consulting services for design and contract administration, and
- \$680,734 in ineligible costs, including internal project management, contingency, and other soft costs as defined by the funding guidelines.

If the Town's application under the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) program is successful, up to 50% of approved eligible costs will be funded through the grant. The project meets the program's "shovel ready" criteria and can be completed within the required timelines. Any unfunded costs, including all ineligible components, will be covered through the Town's approved capital budget and applicable reserves.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

None

Approved by CAO
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Chief Administrative Officer



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Recognition of Traditional Lands

The Town of Milton resides on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee people. The Town of Milton shares this land and the responsibility for the water, food and resources. We stand as allies with the First Nations as stewards of these lands.