



# The Corporation of the Town of Milton

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| Report To:      | Council  |
| From:           | Glen Cowan, Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer  |
|                 | Kristene Scott, Commissioner, Community Services   |
| Date:           | December 14, 2020  |
| Report No:      | COMS-010-20  |
| Subject:        | Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream   |
| Recommendation: | <p><b>THAT Council approves the selection of the Mattamy National Cycling Centre Improvements, Milton Sports Centre Facility Improvements, FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton Facility Improvements and additional Tree Planting, as the projects for which the Town will apply for funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (ICIP - Resilience Stream)</b></p> <p><b>THAT the Commissioner of Community Services and/or the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer be authorized to submit the Town's application for the ICIP - Resilience Stream, as well as any supplemental submissions required.</b></p> |

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Town of Milton has been allocated up to \$1,664,382 in funding from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream.
- The Town is required to submit an application with eligible projects no later than January 7, 2021. Funding must be applied to projects within four categories and, if approved, each capital project must be completed in 2021.
- Staff are recommending the following four projects as they meet the program criteria, can be completed within the timeframes and allow the full funding available to be utilized:
  - Mattamy National Cycling Centre Improvements (including LED)
  - Milton Sports Centre Facility Improvements (including LED)
  - FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton Facility Improvements
  - Tree Planting (Parks and Boulevards)



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## REPORT

### Background

On October 28, 2020, Ontario announced the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) in Ontario. \$250 million in combined federal-provincial funding will be dedicated through this stream to local governments across the province, of which the Town of Milton's allocation has been identified as \$1,664,382.

The federal government has indicated that investments under this stream are to support public infrastructure, defined as tangible capital assets, including temporary infrastructure related to pandemic response, primarily for public use and/or benefit. According to federal parameters, eligible projects include:

- Retrofits, Repairs and Upgrades for municipal, provincial, territorial and indigenous buildings, health infrastructure and educational infrastructure;
- COVID-19 Response Infrastructure, including measures to support physical distancing;
- Active Transportation Infrastructure, including parks, trails, foot bridges, bike lanes and multi-use paths; and
- Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation, including natural infrastructure, flood and fire mitigation, tree planting and related infrastructure.

Appendix 1 provides further detail with respect to each category of eligible projects.

As with other ICIP streams, projects that have already commenced construction or contain no capital components (i.e. planning projects) are ineligible for funding under this intake. Additionally, costs for land acquisition, infrastructure for tourism or facilities home to a professional sports team, and any project already nominated to the federal government under another ICIP stream are ineligible under the COVID stream.

Municipalities will not be required to cost-share under this stream. The federal government will cover 80% of the total eligible costs associated with any approved project and Ontario will cover 20%, however, total eligible costs for all submitted projects cannot exceed the municipal allocation.

Based on the Town of Milton's allocation, there is a limit on the number of projects that can be submitted. The Town is able to allocate funding to no more than 5 projects through this stream.

The federal timelines of this program require all parties to work together quickly to implement funding. Applications will be reviewed and prioritized by the province based on a rolling intake (i.e. first-come, first-served), but the following deadlines will apply:



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- Applications for single projects must be submitted to the province through the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system by December 21, 2020;
- Applications for multiple projects must be submitted to the province through the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system by January 7, 2021;

Projects must have started construction by September 30, 2021, and must have completed construction by December 31, 2021.

Only projects that meet the eligibility criteria, as well as those that will follow in the provincial program guidelines, will be considered for nomination by the Province to the federal government. No deadline extensions will be considered. If a municipality does not submit the application on time, or the project does not start and/or complete by the deadlines required by the federal government, the Town will lose any opportunity to access this funding allocation.

## Discussion

Town staff have reviewed the program guidelines and are recommending that the following projects be included in the application submitted for the ICIP - Resilience Infrastructure Stream. These initiatives have been chosen as they meet the characteristics required in the program, are expected to be delivered by the required completion date, and when combined are sufficiently large enough to utilize the full allocation provided to the Town within the 5 project limit.

### 1. Mattamy National Cycling Centre Improvements

To ensure assets continue to perform at expected levels of service as well as implement solutions to reduce energy consumption, the following improvements have been identified for 2021:

- Replacement of AC unit.
- Replacement of infield lights to LED.

The total anticipated cost for 2021 amounts to \$1.39 million, which includes both external services as well as internal project management. This initiative will reduce the Town's energy consumption and is therefore aligned with the goals of the Town's Green Innovation Plan. It was also identified through the climate work plan presented through report COMS-007-20.

### 2. Milton Sports Centre Facility Improvements

The 2021 capital program for the Milton Sports Centre Facility Improvements is based on the Council approved Asset Management Plan presented through CORS 067-17 which incorporated the results of the 2015 Facility Infrastructure Audit. The



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Audit recommends replacing mechanical and electrical equipment that has reached the end of its useful life to maintain safe operating conditions and mitigate risk associated with equipment failure and unforeseen breakdowns. Staff evaluation of equipment condition confirm this recommendation.

To ensure assets continue to perform at expected levels of service as well as implement solutions to reduce energy consumption, the following improvements have been identified for 2021:

- Replacement of two - 2 ton AC units.
- Replacement of hot water tank.
- Replacement of lights in Rink C and D to LED.

The total anticipated cost for 2021 amounts to \$348 thousand, which includes both external services as well as internal project management. This initiative will reduce the Town's energy consumption and is therefore aligned with the goals of the Town's Green Innovation Plan. It was also identified through the climate work plan presented through report COMS-007-20.

### 3. FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton Facility Improvements

Improvement projects at FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton are based on the Asset Management Plan CORS-067-17 as well as property management obligations and opportunities. The recommended budget has been developed based on the 2015 Infrastructure Facility Audit, with additional input from assigned consultants and staff to address life cycle replacements and corrective maintenance activities. The following improvements have been identified for 2021:

- Program video televisions replacement.
- HVAC upgrades for the tech office.
- Automated theatre lighting replacement.
- Scissor lift structural inspection and remediation.

The total anticipated cost for 2021 amounts to \$251 thousand, which includes both external services as well as internal project management.

### 4. Tree Planting (Parks and Boulevards)

The Town's 2021 Budget contains funding for tree planting however staff suggest utilizing this funding opportunity to further enhance our tree canopy.

Through the ICIP program additional funding will be provided to increase the total number of plantings in 2021. This will help reduce the Town's existing backlog of tree planting requests (which is currently approximately 1,800 trees), and enhance



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the town's climate change efforts. It is expected that approximately 200 additional plantings can occur for each \$100 thousand investment made through the program.

## Financial Impact

The Town has been allocated up to \$1,664,382 through the funding program with no requirement for a matching local share. Final allocation is subject to approval of the projects submitted by the Town.

The following table presents the total budget and anticipated ICIP funding request for each project. The final amount request for each project may be subject to change as the Town finalizes its application or based on the feedback of the Federal or Provincial Governments.

| Description   | Total Budget       | ICIP Application Amount* |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Mattamy National Cycling Centre Improvements          | \$1,394,794        | \$1,139,478              |
| Milton Sports Centre Facility Improvements            | \$348,321          | \$277,304                |
| FirstOntario Arts Centre Milton Facility Improvements | \$251,423          | \$147,600                |
| Tree Planting (Parks and Boulevards)                  | \$409,088**        | \$100,000                |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$2,094,538</b> | <b>\$1,664,382</b>       |

\* Allocation between projects may require adjustment through the process to finalize submission and agreement.

\*\* Tree planting budget reflects incremental new spending in addition to the existing planting budget of \$309,088 for 2021.

If approved, refinancing of each of the facility improvement projects will occur in 2021. In the case of the tree plantings, the ICIP funding will represent an expansion in the size of the program and therefore a budget increase will occur in 2021 to reflect the additional funds. In all cases any such adjustments will occur in accordance with the Town's Budget Management Policy (Policy 113) and be reported through the Town's variance reporting process.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Attachments                                     |
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| Appendix 1 – Eligible Project Types by Category |

CAO Approval  
Andrew M. Siltala  
Chief Administrative Officer

## APPENDIX 1

### COVID-19 RESILIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE STREAM - PROJECT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**Category 1: Retrofits, repairs and upgrades for municipal, provincial, territorial and indigenous buildings, health infrastructure and schools.**

| <b>Eligible Asset Type</b>   | <b>Asset Sub-types</b>  |
|--|---|
| Municipal (local government) and provincial/territorial/Indigenous buildings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative buildings</li> <li>• Fire halls</li> <li>• Police stations</li> <li>• Maintenance facilities</li> <li>• Physical Plants</li> <li>• Public works buildings (e.g. transformer sub-stations, water treatments facilities, hazardous waste disposal facilities)</li> <li>• Food safety infrastructure (committee freezers, green houses etc.)</li> <li>• Any other municipal (local government) and provincial/territorial/indigenous buildings that deliver or provide services or programming.</li> </ul> |
| Health infrastructure  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitals</li> <li>• Morgues</li> <li>• Nursing homes and senior citizen homes</li> <li>• Long-term care facilities</li> <li>• Wellness centres</li> <li>• Paramedic Services facility</li> <li>• Health centres, clinics and other health care buildings</li> <li>• Community interest facility e.g. mental health and addiction centres</li> <li>• Rehabilitation centres</li> <li>• Youth services facilities</li> <li>• Social and supportive housing</li> <li>• Paramedic and support vehicles</li> </ul>         |
| Educational Infrastructure   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day care facilities</li> <li>• Schools (e.g. high school, college)</li> <li>• Adult education facilities</li> <li>• Playgrounds</li> <li>• Universities</li> </ul>   |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports facilities</li> <li>• Computer labs and web infrastructure</li> <li>• School theatres</li> <li>• School libraries</li> <li>• Performing arts centres</li> <li>• Colleges</li> <li>• Research centres</li> <li>• Student housing</li> <li>• Student services buildings</li> <li>• Agricultural education infrastructure (barns, green houses, etc.)</li> </ul> |
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**Category 2: COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure, including measures to support physical distancing.**

| <b>Eligible Asset Type</b>   | <b>Asset Sub-types</b>   |
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| Build or modify infrastructure to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety retrofits for public sector buildings</li> <li>• Safety retrofits for rolling stock</li> <li>• New builds, retrofits, repairs or rebuilds of social housing, long-term care facilities, seniors' homes or temporary housing (shelters) to support new safety measures or physical distancing</li> <li>• Expand single rooms within existing hospitals</li> <li>• Separation infrastructure for infectious disease care from other care (e.g., COVID-19 wards and dedicated facilities)</li> <li>• Modular field hospitals, mobile ICU units or other equipment to facilitate rapid expansion of intensive care capacity</li> <li>• Renovate public facilities to serve as designated hospital overflow sites</li> <li>• Emergency vehicles</li> <li>• Security support vehicles</li> <li>• Barriers</li> <li>• Passenger safety improvements</li> <li>• Driver safety improvements (barriers etc.)</li> <li>• Video screens and PA systems for announcements</li> <li>• Automatic vehicle location technology</li> </ul> |



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security enhancements</li> <li>• Food security infrastructure</li> </ul> |
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**Category 3: Active transportation infrastructure, including parks, trails, foot bridges, bike lanes and multi-use paths.**

| <b>Eligible Asset Type</b>           | <b>Asset Sub-types</b>   |
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| Active transportation infrastructure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks trails and multi-use paths</li> <li>• Bike and pedestrian lanes on existing or new roads or highways</li> <li>• Sidewalks</li> <li>• Footpaths and foot bridges</li> <li>• Active transportation support facility (e.g. bike parking/storage)</li> <li>• Street and park furniture (e.g. benches, shade areas, planters)</li> </ul> |

**Category 4: Disaster mitigation and adaptation infrastructure, including natural infrastructure, flood and fire mitigation, and tree planting and related infrastructure.**

| <b>Eligible Asset Type</b>                         | <b>Asset Sub-types</b>   |
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| Climate Change, natural disasters, extreme weather | <p><b>Natural:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest</li> <li>• Shoreline vegetation</li> <li>• Green Roofs</li> <li>• Bioswales/rain gardens</li> <li>• Aquifer</li> <li>• Wetland restoration</li> </ul> <p><b>Structural:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barriers</li> <li>• Dams</li> <li>• Dykes</li> <li>• Drainage canals</li> <li>• Floodways</li> <li>• Man-made wetlands</li> <li>• Retaining walls and other shoreline protection such as rock revetment</li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seawalls and breakwaters</li> <li>• Weirs</li> <li>• Pump station (to increase hydraulic capacity and reduce flooding)</li> </ul>  |
| Floods and Fires                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barriers</li> <li>• Dams</li> <li>• Dykes</li> <li>• Drainage canals</li> <li>• Floodways</li> <li>• Man-made wetlands</li> <li>• Retaining walls and other shoreline protection such as rock revetment</li> <li>• Seawalls and breakwaters</li> <li>• Weirs</li> <li>• Pump station (to increase hydraulic capacity and reduce flooding)</li> </ul> |
| Assets associated with afforestation and reforestation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree planting projects</li> <li>• Coordination or distribution centres</li> <li>• Nurseries</li> <li>• Greenhouses</li> <li>• Access roads and bridges (that provide access to areas where tree planting will take place)</li> </ul>   |