



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee
From: Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2022
Subject: **Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocation - 2023**

Background:

On November 9, 2022, the Province announced the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations for 2023. The OMPF is the province's main general assistance grant to municipalities. The province began to phase down the OMPF allocations in 2013. The OMPF consists of five components: Assessment Equalization, Northern Communities, Rural Communities, Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances and Transitional Assistance.

The provincial government will provide \$500 million to 389 municipalities in 2023. The OMPF primarily supports northern and rural communities, is unconditional, and can be used for local priorities.

Impact on the County

The County's 2023 OMPF funding amount is identified entirely under transitional assistance. It should be noted that all of the funding components (other than transitional) are now targeted towards single and lower-tier municipalities. The OMPF formula no longer targets any funding towards upper-tier municipalities and as such, the County's funding allocation can be anticipated to decline for the foreseeable future.

In 2023, minimum funding guarantees have been set at 85% for southern Ontario. The County's 2023 OMPF allocation is now \$787,400; which is \$138,900 lower than its 2022 allocation (\$926,300). In total, the County has lost just under \$4.0 million in OMPF funding annually and over \$29.3 million cumulatively since 2012.

Impact on Member Municipalities

There are once again in 2023 a number of shifts in OMPF funding depending on how the formula worked out for each of the County's member municipalities. Overall, there is a drop of \$109,900 in 2023 to municipalities in Wellington. The change in funding is summarized below:

Municipality	2022	2023	Difference
Centre Wellington	\$ 196,400	\$ 167,000	\$ (29,400)
Erin	\$ 594,800	\$ 600,800	\$ 6,000
Guelph/Eramosa	\$ 496,200	\$ 462,200	\$ (34,000)
Mapleton	\$ 875,200	\$ 938,600	\$ 63,400
Minto	\$1,525,500	\$1,492,300	\$ (33,200)
Puslinch	\$ 422,200	\$ 423,100	\$ 900
Wellington North	\$1,300,600	\$1,355,900	\$ 55,300
County of Wellington	\$ 926,300	\$ 787,400	\$ (138,900)
	\$6,337,200	\$6,227,300	\$ (109,900)

A summary of OMPF funding in Wellington and its member municipalities since the programme began its phase-down of funding in 2013 is summarized in the table below. Overall, OMPF funding has dropped by just over \$4.9 million in annual funding since 2012 for all Wellington County municipalities.

Total OMPF Entitlements	2012	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022
Centre Wellington	\$ 999,700	\$ 319,600	\$ 271,700	\$ 231,000	\$ 196,400	\$ 167,000
Erin	\$ 654,000	\$ 593,300	\$ 591,100	\$ 592,600	\$ 594,800	\$ 600,800
Guelph/Eramosa	\$ 579,700	\$ 490,300	\$ 494,200	\$ 488,800	\$ 496,200	\$ 462,200
Mapleton	\$ 1,321,800	\$ 837,400	\$ 832,700	\$ 862,600	\$ 875,200	\$ 938,600
Minto	\$ 1,354,300	\$ 1,604,600	\$ 1,540,800	\$ 1,520,200	\$ 1,525,500	\$ 1,492,300
Puslinch	\$ 447,800	\$ 415,700	\$ 417,400	\$ 419,800	\$ 422,200	\$ 423,100
Wellington North	\$ 1,088,600	\$ 1,296,800	\$ 1,283,700	\$ 1,277,500	\$ 1,300,600	\$ 1,355,900
County of Wellington	\$ 4,720,200	\$ 1,508,100	\$ 1,281,900	\$ 1,089,700	\$ 926,300	\$ 787,400
County Total	\$ 11,166,100	\$ 7,065,800	\$ 6,713,500	\$ 6,482,200	\$ 6,337,200	\$ 6,227,300

Recommendation:

That the County Treasurer's report re: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocation - 2023 be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,



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