



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee
From: Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023
Subject: **Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Report as of December 31, 2022**

Background:

In August 2014, the Province created the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) to:

- provide stable funding to help small communities address critical core infrastructure needs in relation to roads, bridges, water and wastewater;
- further strengthen municipal asset management practices within small communities; and
- help small communities use a broad range of financial tools to address critical infrastructure challenges and provide long-term financial support for the rehabilitation and repair of core infrastructure for those in most need.

OCIF funding started flowing to municipalities in 2015. From 2015 to 2022, funding was determined by the province using a formula populated with information from the County's Financial Information Return (FIR).

For 2023 the OCIF funding calculation used estimates of Current Replacement Values (CRVs) to approximate the County's core infrastructure needs. The CRVs were calculated using asset management plan information as well as inflated Financial Information Return (FIR) values as needed. Based on this infrastructure need and the municipality's economic conditions represented by weighted property tax assessment and household income relative to other municipalities, the total 2023 funding envelope of \$400 million was allocated. In 2023 the County will receive \$3,252,789 in OCIF funding which is a 13.4% decrease from 2022. For 2023 the change was limited to within +/- 15% of the 2022 allocations.

It is unclear if the County's allocated portion of the grant will continue to decrease as the Ministry of Infrastructure continues to refine the method for collecting CRVs and other data that can change year-over-year. The continued implementation of the County's Asset Management Plan should help identify the County's required investments to maintain core infrastructure. Updates will be provided to committee and council as details come available.

Since its inception the County has received \$12,270,309 in OCIF funding and earned \$87,425 in interest. Funds received are placed in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund reserve.

ONTARIO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND				
Funding 2015-2022				
Schedule of Fund Payments				
Year	Annual Allocation	Interest Allocation	Total	
2015	\$ 464,769	\$ -	\$ 464,769	
2016	\$ 464,769	\$ -	\$ 464,769	
2017	\$ 840,760	\$ 3,149	\$ 843,909	
2018	\$ 1,190,382	\$ 7,524	\$ 1,197,906	
2019	\$ 1,823,229	\$ 7,037	\$ 1,830,266	
2020	\$ 1,863,466	\$ 17,111	\$ 1,880,577	
2021	\$ 1,863,466	\$ 26,459	\$ 1,889,925	
2022	\$ 3,759,468	\$ 26,145	\$ 3,785,613	
	\$ 12,270,309	\$ 87,425	\$ 12,357,734	

The County has invested these funds in \$11,342,904 of local infrastructure projects. A balance sits in the OCIF Reserve Fund (\$1,014,830) and is reflected as deferred revenue (to be used for future projects) on the County's financial statements.

Historical Projects Funded by OCIF		
Funding	\$	12,357,734
2015 Asset Management Software (work tech)		19,138
2015 WR 32, WR 124 to Hwy 7 5.3 km		265,697
2015 WR 12 @ WR 8 Intersection		179,934
2016 WR 8 Main St Drayton Storm Sewer		164,993
2016 WR 8, Main St Bridge B08089		299,776
2017 WR 7, Alma to Salem 7 Km		843,909
2018 WR 51, WR 7 to Highway 6		176,818
2018 WR 7, Rothsay to WR 11, 5.2 km		524,352
2019 WR 18, WR 7 to Avruskin 600 m		823,229
2019 WR 50, Hwy 7 to Railway Tracks		1,000,000
2019 WR 51, WR 7 to Highway 6		503,774
2020 WR 22, WR 26 to 300m S of WR24		49,964
2020 WR 50, Third Line to WR 24		500,000
2021 WR 22, WR 26 to 300m S of WR24		1,310,036
2021 WR 18, Bridge B018105 Replace		415,000
2021 WR 32, Culvert C321140 Replace		665,000
2021 WR 18, Fergus to Dufferin PH 1		780,000
2022 WR 22, WR 26 to 300m S of WR24		2,030,000
2022 WR 7, WR 6 to WR 51		674,342
2022 WR 7, Bosworth Bridge, B007028		116,943
	\$	11,342,904
Reserve Balance for future works (Dec 31/22)	\$	1,014,830

Recommendation:

That the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund report for the period ending December 31, 2022 be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken DeHart", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ken DeHart, CPA, CGA
County Treasurer