

## **Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

### **Finance, Budget, Information Technology & Transformation**

#### **Administration**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Gord Quinton, MBA, CPA, CGA  
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**Date:** July 15, 2024

**Subject:** Canada Community-Building Fund – Municipal Funding Agreement

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#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that:

1. Council authorize the Municipal Funding Agreement for the transfer of the Canada Community-Building Fund for the administration of the Canada Community-Building Fund between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement.

#### **Background**

The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) is a source of federal funding that is provided up-front to provinces and territories to use towards essential local infrastructure needs. The CCBF delivers over \$2.4 billion every year to over 3,600 communities across Canada. Communities determine how best to invest the funds and are allowed the flexibility to make strategic investments across 19 different project categories, such as roads and bridges, public transit, drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, and recreational facilities.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario administers the funds to municipalities in Ontario, and Municipal Funding Agreements govern the partnership between AMO and each municipality.

The Federal Government, AMO and the City of Toronto have come to a new agreement covering April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2034, and subsequently AMO needs to sign new agreements with Ontario municipalities.

## **Comments**

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is required to spend the funds on eligible project categories and approved expenditures as spelled out in the Municipal Funding Agreement, which has been attached as Appendix A. Chatham-Kent has allocated the funds 75% to bridges and 25% to roads in the budget process. The province is facing a housing crisis, and with the Government of Canada's commitment to tie federal funding to actions that increase the housing supply, recipients are expected to prioritize projects that support housing growth. A Housing Needs Assessment is required by March 2025 and will be completed by Housing Services and will be used to prioritize, where possible, infrastructure or capacity building projects that support increased housing supply where it makes sense to do so.

The schedule of fund payments for the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is as follows:

<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
\$6,538,790.54	\$6,811,240.15	\$6,811,240.15	\$7,083,689.75	\$7,083,689.75

There are no substantial increases to funding from the Federal Government through the CCBF agreement with AMO projected over the next 10 years in this new agreement.

## **Council Term Priorities**

This report supports the following Council Term Priorities:

			
<b>Deliver Excellent Service</b>	<b>Promote Safety &amp; Well-Being</b>	<b>Grow Our Community</b>	<b>Ensure Environmental Sustainability</b>
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## **Consultation**

Budget & Performance Services, Financial Services and Infrastructure & Engineering Services coordinate on the administrative efforts to fulfill the obligations set out under the terms of the Municipal Funding Agreement.

**Communication**

Communication is proposed to be through the inclusion of this report on the Council agenda.

**Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice (DEIJ)**

Infrastructure plays a vital role in our society and supports both economic prosperity and individual well-being. Public transit and telecommunications improve access for marginalized communities to essential needs such as health care, education and jobs, and recreational facilities/spaces encourage interaction and inclusion among diverse groups.

Infrastructure investments allow for economic growth and job creation, and improved infrastructure allows for equitable distribution of services such as clean water, sanitation, and healthcare facilities, which are essential for promoting health and well-being.

Both the governments of Canada and Ontario have deemed housing a human right, and CCBF-supporting projects will play a vital role in the expansion and accessibility of Ontario's housing supply for individuals and families across different income levels, including marginalized communities.

**Financial Implications**

The funds being provided to the Municipality under this agreement will form part of the 2025 Budget Update process. The announced funding will result in an increase of \$83,414 in 2025 and a further increase of \$272,450 in 2027.

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Attachment: Appendix A: Municipal Funding Agreement