

Report to Council

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| Report Title: | Infrastructure Ontario Opportunity | | |
| Prepared By: | Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator | | |
| Department: | Economic Development | | |
| Date: | December 14, 2021 | | |
| Report Number: | ED2021-09 | File Number: | C11ED |
| Attachments: | Infrastructure Ontario Invitation | | |

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number ED2021-09 - Infrastructure Ontario Opportunity, by Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator, and in doing so directs staff to respond to the Infrastructure Ontario invitation for expressions of interest in land for a scientific complex.

Report:

Background:

Infrastructure Ontario is inviting private and public landowners to submit expressions of interest regarding proposed land sites – ideally 10 acres -- for a science complex with a laboratory, office space, storage and fleet/equipment management facilities. The complex would provide analytical testing, method development, expert testimony, scientific advice and specialized training to support compliance monitoring, audit and emergency response needs. It would be the hub of services ranging from localized emergency issues to more long-term provincial environmental reporting functions.

Analysis:

The invitation is not a tender process or a request for proposals, but an inquiry to determine potential sites. Land in the East Ridge Business Park would be appropriate for this use, and Walkerton would be an excellent host site in many ways, with proximity to an airport and provincial highway, zoning in place, the ability to be shovel ready by 2024, and a favourable site configuration. The proximity of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre would be a plus. Staff believe that filing an expression of interest would be worthwhile.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision?

Yes

- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer