

## Report to Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	Municipal Modernization Program Phase III Implementation Funding Update		
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<b>Department:</b>	Finance		
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<b>Attachments:</b>	N/A		

### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number FIN2022-04 - Municipal Modernization Program Phase III Implementation Funding Update, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer, Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legal and Legislative Services (Clerk) and Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services and in doing so authorizes a By-Law coming forward entering into an agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

### Report:

#### Background:

On October 12, 2021 staff brought forward report CAO2021-24 Municipal Modernization Program Phase III Implementation Funding Update requesting authorization for an application to fund the following projects:

- Master Parks, Recreation Service and Facility Review – estimated cost at \$150,000 for 100% funding
- Legislative Support Interim Position – estimated cost at \$100,000 with 75% funding

Total funding request was \$250,000

#### Analysis:

Staff are pleased to announce that on January 25<sup>th</sup>, staff received a letter from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing approving the following for each application:

Under the third-party review stream, the Ford government will provide funding of up to:

- \$86,496 towards: Municipality of Brockton Parks, Recreation Master Service and Facility Plan.

All funding is for the cost of an independent third-party reviewer to deliver a final report with specific and actionable recommendations for cost-savings and efficiencies and help guide future recreational planning by January 31, 2023. This is very timely with the growth being experienced in the community and the need to ensure recreation amenities and connectivity within the community are planned for and service the existing and future residents.

Under the implementation project stream, the Ford government will provide funding of up to:

- \$76,320 towards: Municipality of Brockton E-Permitting and Service Delivery Solutions.

The provincial funding is for up to 75% of total eligible costs to implement the project and complete a final report that forecasts annual savings and other efficiency outcomes by February 28, 2023. This project continues to support further establishment and streamlining of building, planning and legislative processes.

Staff have made the necessary updates to the Draft 2022 Budget to properly reflect the approved funding sources. In addition, staff will start planning for each project to get started as soon as possible.

**Strategic Action Plan Checklist:**

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?		
• Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment		Yes
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development		N/A
• Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance		Yes

**Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

The grant funding will assist with the completion of a Master Parks, Recreation Plan and provide resources to staff and Council for future needs within the growing community. In addition, the implementation project will assist with the successful rollout of the e-permitting and new development portal and streamline planning documents and processes, as well as record retention processes within the Clerk’s department. The funding will provide great value to Brockton for long lasting initiatives that support a growing community.

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



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**Reviewed By:**



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer