

Report to Council

Report Title: Grant Opportunity - Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF)

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Department: Operations/Utilities

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number UT2024-17 - Grant Opportunity – Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF), prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and in doing so authorizes staff to submit an application to the CHIF grant for the Water Tower project utilizing GrantMatch.

Report:

Background:

At the February 29, 2024 Brockton Council meeting, Council received a report authorizing the application to the Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) for a new water tower and transmission line. If successful, the project could be funded up to 73% of all eligible costs. This would leave the remaining 27% to be funded by alternate means, preferably with DC charges.

On November 7, 2024, Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities announced the launch of the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund's \$1 billion direct delivery stream to provide communities across Canada with funding to build or improve critical infrastructure – such as drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and solid waste that will support the construction of new homes.

If successful in the grant application, up to 40% of all eligible costs would be covered.

Analysis:

This grant opportunity supports pairing with the HEWSF grant application to “stack” the grants and if successful in both opportunities would see up to 100% of eligible costs covered by grant funding. This project presents an estimated cost between \$13M and \$15M for infrastructure that will be required to accommodate future growth near Geeson Avenue. The project will also benefit the former Town of Walkerton as a whole. Staff are recommending application to this grant opportunity,

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 Yes
- 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

If successful in each grant opportunity, there would be minimal financial impact. If successful in only one opportunity, there would be potential for significant financial impact. The remaining portion of the cost of the project could be funded by development charges.

Reviewed By:



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