

Report to Council

Report Title:	Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure Stream Grant Application		
Prepared By:	Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations		
Department:	Public Works		
Date:	November 26, 2019		
Report Number:	PW2019-42	File Number:	C11PW, F11
Attachments:	News Release – MPP Bill Walker ICIP Green Stream Program Guide 2019 Intake		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2019-42 - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Green Infrastructure Stream Grant Application, prepared by Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations, for information purposes and in doing so formally endorses the Grant Application and proposed project for the creation of a Storm Management Pond, and related infrastructure, at the East Ridge Business Park prepared by staff and Fairtax Grants and Incentives Inc.

Report:

Background:

In November 2019, the Ontario Government announced the third stream of funding for Ontario Municipalities from the “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)”. The ICIP Grant program is a joint Federal and Provincial program. A news release was issued by Bruce Grey Owen Sound MPP Bill Walker announcing the newest grant intake related to Green Infrastructure, or Green Stream. The news release indicates that the Province anticipates that this Grant Intake will be very competitive.

This intake will prioritize projects that address critical health and safety issues associated with water, wastewater, and storm water infrastructure. Joint applications between multiple eligible applicants is encouraged.

Projects must include a Capital component and can include pre-construction planning and design work. Eligible Asset types include drinking water, wastewater, and storm water projects, which will be tied to a Municipality’s Asset Management Plan (Ontario Regulation 588/17).

The project application deadline is January 22, 2020. The Federal funding decision is to be delivered in the spring of 2020. Projects must be completed by October 31, 2026.

This grant is a cost sharing opportunity between the Federal Government (40%), the Provincial Government (33.33%), and the Municipality (26.67%). The maximum total eligible cost per project (including contingency funding) for a single applicant is \$3 Million.

Analysis:

On July 9, 2019, Mrs. Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, provided Report Number CAO2019-18 to Council, outlining the “Master Servicing Plan for the East Ridge Business Park”. It was approved under Resolution Number 19-15-08.

“That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number CAO2019-18 – Master Servicing Plan for East Ridge Business Park, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, for information purposes and further that Council has received the presentation of B.M. Ross and Associates Limited and in doing so approves the preferred servicing plan as outlined and authorizes moving forward with the Notice of Completion.”

The East Ridge Business Park is a vital component of the Municipality of Brockton as it will not only bring new jobs and business to the area but will also bring new residents to the area.

Within B.M. Ross and Associates Limited’s presentation to Council, Stormwater Management Infrastructure was identified as a key component to the East Ridge Business Park’s overall success.

The ultimate goal of stormwater management is to maintain the health of streams, lakes and aquatic life as well as provide opportunities for human uses of water by mitigating the effects of urban development. To achieve this goal stormwater management strives to maintain the natural hydrologic cycle, prevent an increased risk of flooding, prevent undesirable stream erosion, and protect water quality. A stormwater management plan and related infrastructure is a part of all development projects.

B.M. Ross and Associates Limited’s Servicing Plan identifies a 6.3 acre parcel of property next to the new southern Bruce residential Hospice property to house this critical piece of infrastructure. The estimated price of the stormwater management pond and related infrastructure was estimated to be approximately \$435,000 (Includes engineering and construction).

If a partnership with the Saugeen Conservation Authority could be forged, this stormwater management pond could not only serve its function, but could also be constructed to be an interesting and effective wetland habitat for birds and aquatic life and be an aesthetically pleasing outdoor space for the Hospice residents and staff to enjoy in favourable weather.

Staff are recommending that Council endorse the Stormwater Management Pond project proposal, at the East Ridge Business Park, for the “ICIP - Green Infrastructure Stream” grant application. The Municipalities portion of the project, should the Municipality be successful in the application, would be approximately \$116,000 (26.67% of the project costs).

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? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? Yes
- 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? Yes

The estimated cost of the Stormwater Management Pond and related infrastructure at the East Ridge Business Park is \$435,000. If the Municipality was successful in this grant opportunity, the Municipality would only have to provide 26.67% of the estimated cost, approximately \$116,000.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer