

Subject: Grant Report Update from 2019 to 2022

Recommendation:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report # 2022-0131-
Corporate Services, Grant Report Update from 2019 to 2022, for
information.**

Background:

A significant amount of time and effort has been spent by staff during this term of Council researching grants and preparing grant applications for the Town of Pelham ("the Town"). These efforts have resulted in positive outcomes for the Town. The significance of these grants has enabled the Town to address operating pressures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and undertake capital projects that would otherwise not be possible, or would require the Town to take out debt to fund the projects.

Analysis:

Appendix 1 summarizes the Town's grant applications from January 2019 to May 2022. The Town has applied for \$44.8 million in grants within 3.5 years. The summary shows that to date \$14.8 million has been awarded, \$8.5 million remains under review and waiting for a decision; and \$21.5 million have not been approved. Appendices 2 through 4 provide details of grants awarded, those waiting for decision, and not approved as of May 27, 2022.

Some of the significant grants are as follows:

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Rural & Northern Communities Funding Stream for \$4.2 million to reconstruct Pelham St.

ICIP: Community Culture and Recreation Stream-Rehabilitation Intake for \$2.3 million for a new splash pad and reconstruction of the swimming pool at Marlene Stewart Streit Park (MSSP).

ICIP: Green Stream Phase II for \$3 million to replace old watermain and sewer pipes in Northern Pelham.

Total Municipal Modernization grants phases 1 to 3 for operational review, efficiencies and IT automation is \$735,835.

Grants for recreational capital projects such as pickle ball courts at Centennial Park for \$489,113 and a splash pad at Centennial park for \$112,331 from the ICIP: COVID 19 Resilience Fund.

Safe Restart Funding for COVID-19 Phase 2 of \$1.3 million to help offset operational pressures during the pandemic.

In addition, the library received a \$146,900 from Ontario Trillium Foundation for RFID technology and book lockers plus Modernization grant of \$60,000 to review the union of the Pelham and Lincoln libraries.

These are just a few grants that the Town has received. These grants have enabled the Town to fund deferred infrastructure maintenance, therefore reducing the amount of funds required from reserves which are funded by property taxes. It has also enabled the Town to provide recreational and cultural capital projects for the enjoyment of the residents that might not have been possible in the 10-year plan due to the critical nature and high cost of road and infrastructure maintenance.

Financial Considerations:

There are no specific financial considerations, as this report is for information purposes.

Alternatives Reviewed:

No alternatives are being presented, as this report is for information only.

Strategic Plan Relationship: Financial Sustainability

Grants are critical to the financial sustainability of the Town because they help to offset expenses and fund capital projects that might otherwise not be feasible within the Town's financial constraints, or would result in increased property taxes or debt.

Consultation:

Not applicable.

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:

Appendix 1 Grant Application Summary

Appendix 2 Detail Report of Grants Awarded 2019 to May 2022

Appendix 3 Detail Report of Grants Waiting for a Decision as at May 27, 2022

Appendix 4 Detail Report of Grants Not Approved as at May 27, 2022

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