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# HALDIMAND COUNTY

## Report ECW-06-2021 Ministry of Transportation 2021-22 Connecting Links Program Funding Award - Dunnville Highway 3 (Broad Street) Oak Street to Pine Street



For Consideration by Council in Committee on April 20, 2021

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### OBJECTIVE:

To seek Council approval to initiate the work approved through the capital grant received from the Ministry of Transportation 2021-22 Connecting Links - Highway 3 (Broad Street) Oak Street to Pine Street-Dunnville.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report ECW-06-2021 Ministry of Transportation 2021-22 Connecting Links Program Funding Award - Dunnville Highway 3 (Broad Street) Oak Street to Pine Street be received;
2. AND THAT the revised budgets outlined in Report ECW-06-2021 be approved;
3. AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Ministry of Transportation 2021-22 Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement - Highway 3 Dunnville.

**Respectfully submitted:** Tyson Haedrich, M. Eng., P. Eng., General Manager of Engineering & Capital Works

**Approved:** Craig Manley, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Haldimand County has been awarded \$820,665 through the Ministry of Transportation 2021-22 Connecting Links Program towards the eligible costs of the Dunnville Highway 3 (Broad Street) Oak Street to Pine Street paving project. This funding award is based on a 90% cost contribution from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and 10% from the County. The County has not budgeted for this project through the capital budget process and Council approval of the new project as outlined is required.

### BACKGROUND:

In October 2020, through Report ENG-05-2020 Re: Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Connecting Links Program 2021-2022 Funding Application – Highway 3 (Broad Street), Council endorsed the Dunnville Highway 3 (Broad Street) Oak Street to Pine Street paving project for the MTO's 2021-22 Connecting Links Program funding application.

On April 8, 2021, the Ministry of Transportation notified Haldimand County that we were successful in receiving \$820,665 through the 2021-22 Connecting Links Program towards the eligible costs of the Dunnville Highway 3 (Broad Street) project (see Attachment 1). The County was one of fourteen municipalities to receive the 2021-22 funding grant.

The purpose of this report is to receive Council approval for the required new capital project budget to utilize the Connecting Link Program funds for the Dunnville Main Street paving project and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the MTO's 2021-22 Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement once it has been prepared by the Ministry and reviewed by staff.

## **ANALYSIS:**

The Connecting Links Program grant for the Dunnville Highway 3 (Broad Street) Oak Street to Pine Street paving project will provide the County access to \$820,665 of provincial funding up to a maximum of 90% of the total project costs. The funding will be allocated through the submission of claims to the Connecting Links Program as the project proceeds.

## **FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Based on current estimates, and as previously outlined in Report ENG 05-2020, the County's 10% share of eligible project costs will be \$91,200 (including non-rebateable HST). Staff have also included an additional \$44,000 to allow for the review (with the BIA) of the possible installation of decorative signal poles and stamped crosswalks at the Broad Street and Chestnut Street intersection.

As this work has not been previously budgeted a new capital project will need to be added to the 2021 Approved Tax Capital Budget and Forecast. The funding for the project will include the MTO Connecting Link Grant, along with an additional amount to be funded from CRR Roads Infrastructure. If approved, the following budget revision will be required:

<b>Financing</b>	<b>Current Approved Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Revised Budget</b>
CRR - Roads Infrastructure	-	\$135,000
MTO Connecting Link Program Grant	-	\$820,665
<b>Total Financing</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$955,665</b>
Construction	-	\$955,665
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$955,665</b>

It should be noted that this project will have a negative impact on CRR Roads Infrastructure. As there are numerous ongoing County projects funded from the CRR Roads Infrastructure reserve the overall net savings/over expenditures from these related projects is returned to/funded from this reserve to fund future road related projects.

## **STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:**

Not applicable.

## **REPORT IMPACTS:**

Agreement: Yes

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: Yes

Policy: No

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. MTO Connecting Link Program Funding Award Letter