HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report ENG-05-2023 Ward Specific Funding Projects - 2023 For Consideration by Council in Committee on March 21, 2023



OBJECTIVE:

To receive Council approval for the budget amendment required to advance the identified 2023 Ward Specific Funding Program projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- THAT Report ENG-05-2023 Ward Specific Funding Projects 2023 be received;
- 2. AND THAT the 2023 Tax Supported Capital Budget be amended as outlined in Report ENG-05-2023.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Ward Specific Funding Program was approved by Council in December 2022 through Report ECW-02-2022 Proposed Ward Specific Funding Program and is intended to provide a process for Councillor driven projects to move forward in a fair and transparent manner by providing each ward with an annual \$50,000 funding allocation for capital projects within their ward. Unspent funds are carried over and accumulated during the term for subsequent or larger value projects.

Based on consultation with the ward councillors, the following projects are proposed for the 2023 Ward Specific Funding Program:

Ward	Project Type	Location	Budget
1	No projects identified		\$ 0
2	Streetlight	Montour Street North and Echo Street East	\$ 9,000
3	Speed Sign	Mines Road	\$ 8,500
3	Speed Sign	Haldimand Road 66	\$ 8,500
3	Storyboard	Edinburgh Square	\$ 3,000
4	Speed Sign	King Street West	\$ 8,500
5	Speed Sign	Inman Road	\$ 8,500

5	Streetlight	Reicheld Road	\$ 12,000
5	Streetlight	Smith Road	\$ 12,000
5	Streetlight	Anderson Road	\$ 12,000
6	No projects identified		\$ 0

Given the timing of the fall municipal election and subsequent implementation of the Ward Specific Funding Program the 2023 program projects were not included in the 2023 Tax Supported Capital Budget and therefore a budget amendment is required to advance the proposed projects.

In future years, the Ward Specific Funding Program projects will be identified and approved as part of the annual Tax Supported Capital Budget process.

BACKGROUND:

The Ward Specific Funding Program was approved by Council at the December 6, 2022 Council-in-Committee through Report ECW-02-2022 Proposed Ward Specific Funding Program (see Reference 1). The program is intended to provide a process for Councillor driven projects to move forward in a fair and transparent manner.

The Ward Specific Funding Program provides each Ward Councillor with a \$50,000 funding allocation per year for capital projects within their ward funded from the Non Specified 20% portion of the Community Vibrancy Fund.

The program allows Councillors the ability to 'roll forward' any unspent funds to future years within the four year term for a total of \$200,000 and that any unspent funds at the end of the four-year Council term will be returned to the reserves.

The normal process will be for each Ward Councillor to meet with staff to review potential projects for the upcoming year based on the program criteria and selected ward specific projects will be included in that year's Tax Supported Capital Budget for approval. However, given the timing of the fall municipal election as well as the implementation of the Ward Specific Funding Program, the 2023 projects were not able to be included in the 2023 Tax Supported Capital Budget and a budget amendment is required to advance the projects.

ANALYSIS:

Ward Councillors through consultation with staff have provided a list of projects for consideration. Each project has been reviewed against any technical warrants as well as the eligibility criterial outlined in Report ECW-02-2022 Proposed Ward Specific Funding Program. The following tables include a list of proposed Ward specific funding projects for 2023:

Ward 1

Project Type	Location	Description	Estimated Cost
No projects identified			\$ 0
		Total Cost Ward 1	\$ 0

Ward 2

Project Type	Location	Description	Estimated Cost
Streetlight	Montour Street North at Echo Street East	Installation of a streetlight	\$ 9,000
		Total Cost Ward 2	\$ 9,000

Ward 3

Project Type	Location	Description	Estimated Cost
Pole Mounted Radar Speed Sign	Mines Road	Installed for northbound traffic approximately 500m between Upper Greens Road and Unity Road	\$ 8,500
Pole Mounted Radar Speed Sign	Haldimand Road 66	Installed for eastbound traffic approximately 900m east of Argyle Street North	\$ 8,500
Storyboard	Edinburgh Square	Storyboard in support of the naming of the Barbara Martindale Memorial Laneway at Edinburgh Square Heritage & Cultural Centre	\$ 3,000
		Total Cost Ward 3	\$ 20,000

Ward 4

Project Type	Location	Description	Estimated Cost
Pole Mounted Radar Speed Sign	King Street West	Installed for westbound traffic to be located approximately ½ way between Mary Avenue and Concession 13	\$ 8,500
Pole Mounted Radar Speed Sign	Main Street North	Installed for southbound traffic to be located near the MTO connecting link limits	\$ 8,500
		Total Cost Ward 4	\$ 17,000

Ward 5

Project Type	Location	Description	Estimated Cost
Pole Mounted Radar Speed Sign	Inman Road	Installed for westbound traffic approximately 175m east of Highway 3	\$ 8,500
Streetlight	Reicheld Road	At the intersection of Reicheld Road and Highway 3	\$ 12,000
Streetlight	Smith Road	At the intersection of Smith Road and Highway 3	\$ 12,000
Streetlight	Anderson Road	At the intersection of Anderson Road and Highway 3	\$ 12,000
		Total Cost Ward 5	\$ 44,500

Ward 6

Project Type	Location	Description	Estimated Cost
No Projects Identified			\$ 0
		Total Cost Ward 6	\$ 0

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The 2023 Tax Supported Capital budget identifies \$300,000 in funding for the Ward Specific Funding projects in Appendix D - Community Vibrancy Fund, however no specific projects were identified during budget deliberations. To fund the individual projects, staff are proposing the following budgets:

Capital Expenditures:	Proposed Budget
Ward Specific Funding – Ward 1	
(no projects identified)	\$ 0
Ward Specific Funding – Ward 2	
Streetlight - Montour Street North at Echo Street East	\$ 9,000
Ward Specific Funding – Ward 3	
Speed Sign - Mines Road	\$ 8,500

Speed Sign - Haldimand Road 66	\$ 8,500
Storyboard - Edinburgh Square	\$ 3,000
Ward Specific Funding – Ward 4	
Speed Sign - King Street West	\$ 8,500
Speed Sign - Main Street North	\$ 8,500
Ward Specific Funding – Ward 5	
Speed Sign - Inman Road	\$ 8,500
Streetlight - Reicheld Road	\$ 12,000
Streetlight - Smith Road	\$ 12,000
Streetlight - Anderson Road	\$ 12,000
Ward Specific Funding – Ward 6	
(no projects identified)	\$ O
Total Capital Expenditures:	\$ 90,500
Financing:	Proposed Budget
Community Vibrancy Reserve Fund:	
Ward Specific Funding Ward 1	\$ 0
Ward Specific Funding Ward 2	\$ 9,000
Ward Specific Funding Ward 3	\$20,000
Ward Specific Funding Ward 4	\$ 17,000
Ward Specific Funding Ward 5	\$ 44,500
Ward Specific Funding Ward 6	\$ 0
Total Financing:	\$ 90,500

Once the funding is approved, staff will proceed with the tendering process and award the projects through a purchase order.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

Not applicable.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: Yes

Policy: No

REFERENCES:

1. ECW-02-2022 Proposed Ward Specific Funding Program

ATTACHMENTS:

None.