
Haldimand County

Report ENG-09-2025 MTO Connecting Links Program 2025-2026 Funding Award – Highway 3 (Broad Street at Taylor Road), Dunnville

For Consideration by Council in Committee on May 20, 2025



Objective:

To receive Council approval to process the funding award received through the Ministry of Transportation 2025-26 Connecting Links Program for the Highway 3 (Broad Street at Taylor Road) Dunnville project.

Recommendations:

1. THAT Report ENG-09-2025 MTO Connecting Links Program 2025-2026 Funding Award – Highway 3 (Broad Street at Taylor Road), Dunnville be received;
2. AND THAT the revised budgets outlined in Report ENG-09-2025 be approved;
3. AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk and/or designate be authorized to execute the Ministry of Transportation 2025-26 Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement - Highway 3 (Broad Street at Taylor Road) Dunnville.

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Approved: Cathy Case, Chief Administrative Officer

Executive Summary:

Haldimand has been awarded \$109,901 through the Ministry of Transportation's 2025-26 Connecting Links Program towards the eligible costs of the Dunnville Highway 3 (Broad Street and Taylor Road) Intersection Improvements. This funding award is based on a 90% cost contribution from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and 10% from Haldimand. This project was not budgeted for through the capital budget process and Council approval of the new project, as outlined in this report, is required.

Based on current pricing, the estimated cost of the project will be \$123,000, with the MTO contribution being the upset limit of \$109,901 and the County's contribution being \$13,099, funded from the Roads Infrastructure Capital Replacement Reserve.

Background:

Connecting Links are Municipal roads that connect two ends of a Provincial highway through a community or to an international or interprovincial border crossing. These are critical roadways that serve both Provincial and Municipal interests, as they carry long distance Provincial highway traffic moving through communities, as well as local traffic within the community.

Connecting Links are formally designated under Section 21 of the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 50 as amended. Under the Act, a Connecting Link remains a “highway” under the jurisdiction and control of the Municipality.

Haldimand County has five designated Connecting Links on Highways 3 and 6 in the communities of Hagersville, Jarvis, Cayuga and Dunnville. The Ministry of Transportation’s Connecting Links Program provides dedicated Provincial funding for road and bridge projects on designated Connecting Link highways.

Haldimand currently operates fourteen signalized intersections, six of which are located on MTO Connecting Links. In 2023, Haldimand’s design standards for signalized intersections were updated and modernized, replacing the outdated hardware standards that have been in place since the formation of Haldimand County. The intersection of McClung Road and Caithness Street East in Caledonia was installed with current hardware in 2023, and in 2025, the intersection of Talbot Street and Main Street in Jarvis will be upgraded to the current standard utilizing grant funding from the MTO’s 2024-25 Connecting Links Funding program.

In November 2024, Haldimand County submitted an application for the Highway 3 (Broad Street and Taylor Road) Intersection Improvements project for the MTO’s 2025-26 Connecting Links Program funding application. The proposed work includes the replacement and modernization of the traffic signal control hardware to the current design standards at the Broad Street and Taylor Road (Highway 3) intersection in Dunnville (see Attachment 1).

On May 5, 2025, the Ministry of Transportation notified Haldimand County of a successful grant award of \$109,901 through the 2025-26 Connecting Links Program towards the eligible costs of the Dunnville Highway 3 (Broad Street and Taylor Road) Intersection Improvements project (see Attachment 2).

Analysis:

The Connecting Links Program grant for the Dunnville Highway 3 (Broad Street and Taylor Road) Intersection Improvements project will provide the County with access to \$109,901 of provincial funding, covering up to 90% of the total project costs. This funding will be allocated through the submission of claims to the Connecting Links Program as the project progresses.

If approved, the design work will be completed over summer 2025, with the construction of the upgrades scheduled for fall 2025.

Financial/Legal Implications:

The total cost estimated for the project at the time of application was \$122,112, with Haldimand’s 10% share totaling \$12,211. The remaining 90% of the project cost is funded by the MTO Connecting Links Program grant, with an upset limit of \$109,901.

Based on current pricing, the total cost of the project has increased slightly to \$123,000, and Haldimand’s share has increased to \$13,099 (including non-rebateable HST).

As this work has not been previously budgeted, a new capital project will need to be added to the 2025 Approved Tax Capital Budget and Forecast. The funding for the project will include the MTO Connecting Links Grant, along with an additional amount to be funded from CRR Roads Infrastructure.

If approved, the following budget revision will be required:

	Current Approved Budget	Proposed Revised Budget
Expenditures		
Construction		\$123,000
Total Expenditures		\$123,000
Financing		
CRR - Roads Infrastructure		\$13,100
MTO Connecting Link Program Grant		\$109,900
Total Financing		\$123,000

It should be noted that this project will have a negative impact on CRR Roads Infrastructure. As there are numerous ongoing Haldimand 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

References:

None.

Attachments:

1. Project Map
2. MTO Funding Award Letter