	Report Title	Additional Funding From Upper Orders Of Government
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives Report FIN 19 – 08 Additional Funding From Upper Orders Of Government for information,

And that Council approves the Senior Leadership Team’s recommendations for disposition of funds from the upper orders of government.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the month of March, after the completion of Tillsonburg’s 2019 Budget deliberations the Federal and Provincial governments announced the award of new funding grants as well as new funding streams through application. This report will summarize these funds and provide some direction of where the funds can be used.

OBJECTIVE

Determine any short term or long term disposition of the various funds.

BACKGROUND

In December, the Province announced that it would be reducing the OMPF allocation to municipalities that was established when responsibilities were downloaded to the lower tiers from the Province. Our budget maintained the same level as in 2018. The Province lowered the funding across the Province but the Town’s allocation went up from \$336,000 to \$430,900 an increase of \$94,900. The funds are used in the general operating revenue as part of the Finance Department.

The Federal government announced that a surplus in gas tax funds of \$2.2 billion would be distributed to municipalities. They chose to duplicate the 2018 level of funding for a one-time payment of \$487,351 to Tillsonburg that was not in the Town’s 2019 Budget. These funds have been used to fund primarily road programs in the past however it can be used for a variety of infrastructure funding in Public Works, Transit and Recreation.

The Provincial government announced a one-time payment to small and rural municipalities to “modernize service delivery and reduce future costs through investments in projects such as:

service delivery review, development of shared services agreements, and capital investments”. However, the grant is unconditional and can be used at Council’s direction. The amount of this grant is \$622,976 and has already been received by the Town.

There were two payments made under the Provincial Cannabis program one for those that opted in and one for all municipalities. Staff included one payment of \$11,600 in the 2019 but an additional \$9,482 has been received by the Town to use to offset the costs of dealing with cannabis use.

The Town had put in an application for Transit to connect the area communities to the previous Provincial government. In June 2018, the message from the Province was that all programs were on hold and being reviewed. The Town did not hear anything more until the Province announced that the application for \$1,457,732 was approved. This was not in the business plan and staff will need to develop a plan as the Province is expecting quick implementation of the plan.

The Town had applied to the Province for work on Concession St. W. from Rolph to Charlotte for OCIF top up funding in the amount of 90% of \$1.8 million. The Province has advised that this program is no longer available but the Town met the conditions of the program and should re-apply by April 15 to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). This program will see the cost of Town’s share go to about 18.5% from the former 10%. The Director of Operations will provide a more complete report on this grant application.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The Senior Leadership Team has discussed the needs of the Town in relationship to the extra funding available. The recommendations below are the result of these discussions.

One-time funding from Federal Gas Tax and Province: $\$622,976 + \$481,497 = \$1,104,473$

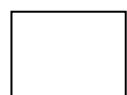
It was felt that regardless of the outcome of the Regional Review that both the Aquatic Facility and the Public Works Building need some Capital Works. As a result, the repair to the leaking roof at Public Works for \$120,000 and the balance being reserved for the Aquatic Facility Improvements (\$984,473) would be the SLT recommendation.

OMPF and OCLIF funding: $\$94,900 + \$9,482 = \$104,382$

As these are operational funding, SLT’s recommendation would be to use the Cannabis funding as well as OMPF funding to fund the position of Fire Prevention Officer. Cannabis facilities being proposed for the community require regular inspections per Health Canada requirements. This would use the \$9,482 from OCLIF and \$36,418 from OMPF to make up the \$45,900 to fund this position for 6 months in 2019.

The second item would be to use \$16,000 of the OMPF fund to return the Beautification program to the same level of funding as in 2018.

The third item is to do an ergonomic study in Public Works to deal with health and safety problems being incurred in that department for a cost of \$10,000.



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The fourth item is a Recreation, Culture and Parks service review as a cost of \$40,000 with \$32,482 funded by OMPF and the balance from the Asset Management Reserve.

More detailed reports will be forthcoming to deal with the funding agreement with the Province for the Out Of Town Transit and its operational plan.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) IMPACT

1. Excellence in Local Government
 - ☒ Demonstrate strong leadership in Town initiatives
 - ☒ Streamline communication and effectively collaborate within local government
 - ☒ Demonstrate accountability
2. Economic Sustainability
 - ☒ Support new and existing businesses and provide a variety of employment opportunities
 - ☐ Provide diverse retail services in the downtown core
 - ☐ Provide appropriate education and training opportunities in line with Tillsonburg's economy
3. Demographic Balance
 - ☒ Make Tillsonburg an attractive place to live for youth and young professionals
 - ☒ Provide opportunities for families to thrive
 - ☒ Support the aging population and an active senior citizenship
4. Culture and Community
 - ☒ Promote Tillsonburg as a unique and welcoming community
 - ☒ Provide a variety of leisure and cultural opportunities to suit all interests
 - ☒ Improve mobility and promote environmentally sustainable living

Report Approval Details

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