

	Report Title	Tillsonburg Airport Additional Funding Request
	Report No.	OPS 19-17
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	Council Date	May 13, 2019
	Attachments	

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive Report OPS 19-17, Tillsonburg Airport Additional Funding Request;

AND THAT Council allocate \$50,000 of the one-time 2019 Federal Gas Tax top-up funding to the unfunded Airport related projects identified in the 2019 Operations Services Business Plan.

SUMMARY

Following the 2019 budget deliberations three (3) Airport related projects remain unfunded in the 2019 Operations Services Business Plan consisting of a Risk Assessment of Public Access at the Airport \$5,000; Commercial Taxiway Rehabilitation \$40,000; and Airport Hydro Load Capacity Testing \$5,000.

The risk assessment of the general public accessing the Airport was identified through a Council resolution at the December 10th 2018 meeting to determine if there are any risks associated with the public accessing the airside of the Airport either by foot or in vehicles and to identify any mitigating measures to address such risks.

The portion of Commercial Taxiway D from just after the Apron to Commercial Taxiway C is in need of rehabilitation. Scope of work includes asphalt removal, granular base repair and new asphalt surface. Tailwind Aviation Services and the Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association had previously committed \$5,000 and \$11,500 respectively towards this initiative reducing the Town's cost to \$40,000 as identified in the Operations Services Business Plan.

The hydro load capacity testing was identified through a Council resolution at the December 10th 2018 meeting in order to take an initial step towards facilitating further investigation of hydro availability at the Airport to further development growth.

At the March Tillsonburg Airport Advisory Committee (TAAC) meeting a request was tabled that staff explore available grant funding opportunities available for Airports in Ontario. A report was taken back to the TAAC in April (attached) outlining the various grant funding opportunities and identified that the Tillsonburg Regional Airport only satisfies the eligibility criteria of the Federal Gas Tax program. The Committee then passed the following resolution:

Moved By: Geoff Lee

Seconded By: Euclid Benoit

“THAT the Tillsonburg Airport Advisory Committee recommend that Town Council allocate \$50,000 from the one-time 2019 Federal Gas Tax top-up for the completion of the three Airport projects currently unfunded in the 2019 Budget.”

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The three (3) unfunded Airport related projects identified in the 2019 Operations Services Business Plan that are being requested to be funded by the \$487,351 in one-time 2019 Federal Gas Tax top-up funding total \$50,000 is summarized below:

Item	Project Value
Risk Assessment of Public Access at the Airport	\$5,000
Commercial Taxiway Rehabilitation	\$40,000
Airport Hydro Load Capacity Testing	\$5,000
Total	\$50,000

At the January 29th 2019 Budget Meeting Council also passed the following resolution:

“THAT funding for capital projects relating to the Tillsonburg Airport, including the Airport Feasibility Study (X03) and the Airport Master Plan (X28) as well as any other capital projects proposed for 2019 and beyond comes from the tax stabilization reserves to be replenished after the sale of town owned lands adjacent to the Airport.”

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