



## TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

## REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Donna White  
**DATE:** 16/10/2017  
**SUBJECT:** OCIF Top Up Application  
**ATTACHMENTS:** N/A

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report on the OCIF Top Up Application for the Mill Street Trunk Storm Sewer Project (Phase 3) for information purposes.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In July of 2016, Ontario launched an expanded Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) program to allow smaller municipalities with critical infrastructure projects to submit proposals to bring their total OCIF funding to a maximum of \$2 million over two years. The application submitted in 2016 was not successful. The Township of North Huron received notification that the Township was eligible to apply for a maximum of \$1,462,364.00 and the application deadline was September 27, 2017.

### **DISCUSSION**

A report on the application was presented to Council at the September 18, 2017 meeting and Council gave the authorization for the application to be submitted. The Mill Street Trunk Storm Sewer Project (Phase 3) is a critical project for the Blyth Ward and is "shovel ready" which makes it a priority project for North Huron. The Township has shown commitment to this project by proceeding with Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project by replacing the storm sewer outlet in 2015 and Phase 2 from Highway #4 along Westmoreland Street to Mill Street is currently under construction. R J Burnside has provided assistance in updating the project costs which have significantly escalated since the last costing in 2014.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Phase 3 of the project is estimated at \$3,097,124.92 (net of HST) and therefore the Top Up Allocation for North Huron in the amount of \$1,462,364.00 is a 47.22% funding request. The remaining share for the municipality in the amount of \$1,634,760.92 will be funded through Gas Tax, water and sewer user fees, reserves and debt if required.

### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

Successful applicants are notified early in 2018 and if selected, provisions would be included in the 2018 and 2019 budget to finance the project. The project must be completed by December 31, 2019. Once Phase 3 is completed, there is still significant construction required to connect the individual streets with storm sewers as they are reconstructed in the future.

### **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal #4 – The administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.

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Donna White, Director of Finance

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