



# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

# REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Sean McGhee, Director of Public Works  
**DATE:** 13/08/2018  
**SUBJECT:** Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Top-Up Fund Intake  
**ATTACHMENTS:** North Huron Top-up Funding Letter - OMAFRA

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the report of the Director of Public Works, dated August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regarding the OCIF Top-up funding program application intake;

**AND FURTHER, THAT** staff be authorized to submit an application for funding associated with the repair or replacement of the Wingham Standpipe.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund is administered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs. The program consists of both Formula based and Application based funding streams which Ontario municipalities can access to assist in improvements to vital infrastructure.

The Formula Based funding stream is calculated and made available annually, to eligible municipalities. The Application based Top-up fund is a competitive process, with municipalities competing for access to a fund of approximately \$100 million. The Township of North Huron is eligible to apply for up to \$1,361,419 under the program.

Projects are reviewed by the Province based on the expected benefit relating to critical Health and Safety for the community. Staff have reviewed capital projects for the municipality and determined the work associated with addressing the deficiencies related to the Wingham Standpipe best align with the program.

If successful, this project would commence in 2019 and see completion in 2020.

## **DISCUSSION**

As the municipality has experienced with past applications, submission of an application in no way guarantees that the Township will be successful. Submission of an application does not impose any obligation on the Township.

If the Township is successful in securing OCIF Top-up funding, the next term of Council will have to consider the merits and costs associated with the project before entering into a Contribution Agreement with the Province.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This capital project was not included in the 2018 budget and for this reason, there is no impact on the 2018 Budget. It is also important to note that Council support for this funding application does not constitute an expenditure authorization and is not binding on the next term of Council.

**FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

If the application is successful, any costs would be presented in the 2019 and 2020 budgets.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

This project aligns with **Goal No. 4** of the Strategic Plan in that the administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.



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Sean McGhee, Director of Public Works



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