



# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

# REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Jeff Molenhuis, Director of Public Works  
**DATE:** 06/03/2017  
**SUBJECT:** OCIF Top Up Component Update  
**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accepts the OCIF Top Up Component Report for information purposes.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In October, the Township of North Huron staff submitted a joint application with Morris-Turnberry to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Top-Up Component for a portion of the Industrial Land Strategy in Lower Town Wingham. It also included the trunk sanitary sewer running along the eastern shoreline of the river branch through Wingham.

## **DISCUSSION**

Following a detailed review of the application and supporting materials that were submitted, on February 21<sup>st</sup> we received a response with respect to our proposed project that it had not been selected for funding.

Applications were reviewed and assessed based on the criteria outlined in the program guidelines. The Ministry received hundreds of applications, and the response received indicated parts of the project were not deemed urgent priority based on the program criteria for critical health and public safety issues. The project was proposed in two phases, where the first phase included expansion of municipal services to the industrial area to mitigate impacts of private sewage from a source water protection highly vulnerable area, as well as the trunk sewer with infiltration issues.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact to not receiving this funding. The funding would have covered a 90/10 split for province/municipality. The total project cost was in the order of \$4million, where the 10% municipal funding was proposed to be shared with Morris-Turnberry (approximately \$400,000 to be shared).

Phase 1 of the Land Strategy (Arthur Street) was proposed in 2016. The work was not moved to construction in 2016 due to approval constraints. This is also proposed to be shared with Morris-Turnberry. The design is still within the Ministry approval process, and will be proposed in the 2017 budget for Council consideration.

## **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

None at this time.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 3 the Township is healthy and safe. Goal 4 the administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.



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Sharon Chambers, CAO