



Memorandum

TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: Erin Mahoney, Commissioner of Environmental Services
DATE: May 31, 2017
RE: **Update on York Region's Application to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund**

This memo provides an update to Council on the status of York Region's application for funding under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.

Clean Water and Wastewater Fund is part of Phase I of the federal government's \$120 billion infrastructure strategy

On September 14, 2016, the Federal and Provincial governments announced the signing of a bilateral agreement to make funding available under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund.

The Clean Water and Wastewater Fund is a federal program designed to accelerate short-term community infrastructure investments by funding rehabilitation projects and optimization initiatives that address immediate drinking water, wastewater and stormwater needs, fostering economic growth and supporting a cleaner and healthier environment.

The provision of this funding is governed by a bilateral agreement between Canada and Ontario. Through this cost-sharing program, the federal government is providing up to 50 per cent funding for projects while the provincial government will invest up to 25 per cent. Municipalities will cover the remaining costs.

York Region to receive \$34.8 million for infrastructure projects under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund

Municipal allocations under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund are based on the amount of water, wastewater and stormwater assets owned by municipalities and their economic conditions. York Region's total federal/provincial maximum allocation is \$34.8 million. With the municipal funding share at 25 per cent, this funding allocation will help

the Region fund water, wastewater and stormwater projects with a cost totalling \$46.4 million.

On October 27, 2016, York Region submitted a list of 29 projects to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for funding consideration.

These projects, including rehabilitation of the York Durham Sewage System 16th Avenue Sewer and the Duffin Creek Plant Field Testing for Phosphorus Removal, align with the list of projects endorsed by Council on [October 20](#), and will help improve the reliability of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems while accelerating short-term community infrastructure investments across the Region.

York Region's project list was vetted through a provincial and federal review process to ensure program eligibility requirements were met. The Region has successfully met these requirements and has been approved for \$34.8 million in federal and provincial funding for all 29 Regional water, wastewater and stormwater projects.

Spring Budget confirms next phase of funding

The federal Budget released in March 2017 reiterates the government's commitment to invest \$21.9 million in green infrastructure over the next 11 years. Funding will flow through three distinct streams: integrated bilateral agreements, the Canada Infrastructure Bank, and a series of national programs. Investments will be made in priorities such as clean electricity grid interconnections, electric vehicle charging stations and projects to safely manage wastewater. Additional program details are expected to be announced in the next few months.

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