
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Ganann and Members of Council
FROM: Katelyn Repovs, Director of Corporate Services/CFO
DATE: June 16, 2025
SUBJECT: Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund - Intake 2 (HEWSF II) Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) By-law

The Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund – Intake 2 (HEWSF II) is a provincial funding program, administered by the Ministry of Infrastructure, that provides Ontario municipalities with financial assistance to build, rehabilitate, and expand critical water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure. The program aims to enable housing development and protect communities by investing in essential infrastructure projects.

In November 2024, the Township submitted a HEWSF II grant application related to two projects within the Township's Ten Year Capital Plan: Projects 941 and 1163. These represent joint projects with the Niagara Region, and involve the replacement and upsizing of approximately 700 metres of existing sanitary sewer main and approximately 675 metres of existing water main on Regional Road 20 (West Street), from South Grimsby Road 5 to Wade Road, and along Wade Road from West Street to the southerly limit.

On January 28, 2025, the Township was notified of its success with the above noted HEWSF II grant application. The Province will provide the Township with eligible funding at 73% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$3,969,375. The outcomes of this project will enhance the water system, promote growth, and enable up to 2,100 new homes in the Township.

In order to receive the funding, the Township is required to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) with the Province, by June 30, 2025. The TPA was received by Administration on May 29, 2025. The TPA provides direction on items, such as eligible investments, eligible costs, reporting, and communications. Per section A2.2 of the TPA, the Township must also pass a municipal by-law authorizing the Township to enter into the agreement.

Therefore, Council will be presented with By-Law 2025-36 at the June 23, 2025 Council meeting, authorizing the Township to enter into the TPA. Through the Township's Delegation of Authority By-law 2025-02, Schedule "A", the CAO and Director of Corporate Services/CFO may execute the grant agreement.

As noted above, this is a joint project with the Niagara Region as part of Phase 4 of the Regional Road 20 Reconstruction project. The Region issued a Request for Tender (2025-T-45) which closed on May 29, 2025. Administration is currently working with the Region to determine the Township's apportioned costs and will report back to Council once known, along with a budget amendment to reflect the revised funding strategy in light of this successful application.