

*Request for Decision United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council*

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Thursday, September 19, 2019				Report Date	Wednesday September 11, 2019			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
Report #19/09/19/1102- Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program									

**SUBJECT: To review and discuss a grant funding opportunity under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council authorize staff to apply for funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream.

**BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is a cost-shared infrastructure funding program between the federal government, provincial government and municipalities.

The Community, Culture and Recreation stream supports community infrastructure priorities, improving access to and/or quality of community, cultural, and recreation priority infrastructure projects. Priority is given to projects that are community-oriented, non-commercial and open to the public.

The following breakdown shows the maximum cost-share percentages of total eligible costs.

- Federal Contribution 40.00%
- Provincial Contribution 33.33%
- Applicant Contribution 26.67%

Cultural facilities are one of the asset types considered for funding, which includes libraries. This would be a good opportunity to have the flooring and windows replaced, increase insulation and upgrade the lighting to LED in the library. Community centres are another asset type considered for funding, which could provide funds to have the kitchen, bathroom and furnace room windows replaced, lighting in the community centre upgraded to LED and increase insulation in the attic.

Financial considerations are discussed below; if Council feels the dollar amount of their contribution is too high, or feels more comfortable in setting a maximum contribution, work can be prioritized in that regard. If there are any ideas of other capital infrastructure improvements or additions they may be considered by Council; the options presented above were done so based on past inquiries.

This grant program allows for more than one application for funding, however the financial contributions remain the same. The deadline for applications is November 12, 2019.

**Options:**

Authorize staff to apply for funding through ICIP, with or without setting a maximum amount for Council's contribution; or  
Do not authorize staff to apply for funding through ICIP.

**Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:**

Mackey Construction provided a quote of approximately \$23,000 to have the above work completed. Council's contribution of 26.67% to the project would amount to \$6134.10. If approved for funding the project would be advertised for tender, therefore pricing may vary.

**Others Consulted:**

[http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/prodconsum/groups/grants\\_web\\_contents/documents/grants\\_web\\_contents/prdr019964.pdf](http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/prodconsum/groups/grants_web_contents/documents/grants_web_contents/prdr019964.pdf)

**Approved and Recommended by the Clerk**

Crystal Fischer,  
Clerk