

Meeting Date: Monday, October 03, 2022

To: Mayor Mills and Members of Council

From: Jim Moss, Director, Development and

Operations

Report: DO2022-05

Subject: Connecting Links Program 2023-24–Grant

Application

Recommendation

Be it Resolved that Council of the Town of Shelburne:

- 1. Receives the report DO2022-05 "Connecting Links Program 2023-24 Grant Application" from the Director of Development and Operations dated October 03, 2022, as presented, and circulated: and that
- Council supports and authorizes the submission of grant applications to the Connecting Links Program 2023/24 for funding for the resurfacing of the Owen Sound Street portion of the Connecting Link; and that
- 3. The Town of Shelburne's portion of the funding for the resurfacing project be funded from the Roads Construction Reserve.

Background

Through the Connecting Links Program, the Province of Ontario is investing in the construction and repair of roads and bridges on connecting links. Connecting links are municipal roads designated under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act.

There are 77 municipalities with designated connecting links eligible to apply to the Ministry of Transportation's Connecting Links Program. The Town of Shelburne is eligible for this intake of funding.

The objectives of the Connecting Links Program are to make connecting link investments that:

- Address critical connecting link improvement needs;
- Extend the lifecycle of the asset; and
- Are cost effective and appropriate to address the connecting link need.

The Ministry will provide funding up to 90 percent, to a maximum of \$3 million, of eligible capital costs for approved projects.

Analysis

The program is a one-stage application process. Municipalities with one designated connecting link may submit one application.

A municipality with more than one designated connecting link may submit a maximum of two applications.

The application submission must include:

- Project Application form, completed in full;
- Asset Management Plan information;
- Declaration by municipal official certifying all submission requirements have been met; and
- Council resolution/bylaw supporting the application.

This report recommends that the application be made for the resurfacing costs for the north end of Owen Sound to Main Street for a total of approximately 1200 meters as shown on the map attached as Appendix 1.

The Council resolution in support of the application must be submitted by 1:00pm November 16, 2022.

Financial Impact

The estimated cost to resurface Owen Sound Street is \$1,300,212.32 including effective HST (1.76%)

The Provincial Connecting Link program funding would cover up 90% of the cost of the resurfacing project. The Town must fund a minimum of 10% which is \$130,021.23 and is recommended to be funded from the Road Construction Capital Reserve.

Policies & Implications

N/A

Consultation and Communications

Consultation included S. Burnett and Associates Limited

Town Staff including the GIS Coordinator and Director of Financial Services/Treasurer

Council Strategic Priorities

Council's Strategic Priorities has three Goals - Sustainable, Engaged and Livable. There are a total of 12 targets with the three Goals.

The updated Connecting Link Funding Opportunity relates to the following Goals:

• Target T3: Invest and fund critical infrastructure for the future

Supporting Documentation

Appendix 1: Map of the Connecting Link Section of Owen Sound Street

Respectfully Submitted:
Jim Moss, Director, Development and Operations
Reviewed by:
Denyse Morrissey, CAO

Report Director, Development and Operations DO2019-08

