

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, May 15, 2009				Report Date	Monday, May 11, 2009			
Decision Required		Yes	X	No	Priority		High	X	Low
Direction Only		Information Only		X	Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Review of Capital Project Grant Applications Submitted 15/05/09/001									

Subject: A summary of grant applications submitted to-date 2009.

Background/Executive Summary:

1. Department of Canadian Heritage – Canada Day Grant Application – have received confirmation of receipt of application – nothing further received to date.
 - a. Total Anticipated Expenses - \$2,595;
 - b. Funding Requested - \$1,620;
 - c. Council Commitment - \$975 (less donations);
 - d. \$650 of that – was allocated to staff time and insurance costs. Staff time/wage subject to change, insurance included in our existing coverage.
2. Human Resources and Skills Development Canada – Enabling Accessibility Fund – submitted application Friday, May 8, 2009. Grant to renovate the washrooms; install automatic door openers in the hall, office and library; install ramp to the office door and from the office to the hall; and provide a lower counter for access for people with wheelchairs.
 - a. Total Anticipated Expenses - \$52,474.41
 - b. Funding Requested - \$44,259.09 (Max of \$50,000)
 - c. Council Commitment - \$8,215.32
 - d. Although there was no funding requirement specified, projects generally have a better chance of approval if financial support from the applicant is evident. This amount may increase slightly as unknowns present themselves while working on this old building.

Infrastructure Canada – Infrastructure Stimulus Fund – 3 applications submitted April 30, 2009. Each required 33% municipal contribution, maximum of 3 separate projects. Each was based on Jp2g estimates from the Energy audit of 2008.

3. Garage Energy Savings Retrofit – replace bay doors, replace furnace with infrared heat system
 - a. Total Anticipated Expenses – \$38,500
 - b. Funding Requested - \$25,666
 - c. Council Commitment - \$12,834
4. Admin Building Lighting Upgrades – replace all fluorescents in hall and garage
 - a. Total Anticipated Expenses - \$17,500
 - b. Funding Requested - \$11,666
 - c. Council Commitment - \$5,834
5. Admin Building Insulation Upgrades – install insulation above washrooms, kitchen and office
 - a. Total Anticipated Expenses - \$12,500
 - b. Funding Requested - \$8,334
 - c. Council Commitment - \$4,166

Note: On May 11, 2009, the governments of Canada and Ontario released a letter informing that over 2700 projects worth a total of \$6 billion from 425 separate municipalities were received for the Infrastructure Canada program. There is \$4 billion available. Priority will be given to those projects that are truly shovel ready. None of our projects have a lengthy timeline for commencement so should be given consideration.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

Total Project Costs - \$123,569.41

Total Funding Requested - \$91,545.09

Total Municipal Commitment - \$32,024.32

This is in addition to the garage roof project which was already in the works and therefore ineligible for funding under these programs. Any cost overruns or additional problems that present themselves during construction will be the responsibility of the municipality. We currently have \$99,000 dedicated to these projects. (\$3,500 from Property Maintenance, \$2,000 Canada Day, \$41,500 Hall Upgrades, and \$52,000 for Garage Upgrades)

Should we not be successful with the washroom accessibility grant application we will proceed with smaller modifications to make the facility as compliant as possible.

The energy efficiency projects should still be able to be completed in full. Any remaining funds can go to reserves for future upgrades to both buildings. It is my goal to submit a Trillium grant application towards improving the kitchen – again with a focus to potable water, energy efficiency and accessibility. Our Gas Tax funds can also be used towards water projects such as a filtration/purification system.

On May 11 the Federal Government announced a recreation grant program to be completed by May 29, 2009. Recreational Infrastructure Canada may be able to be used for the kitchen upgrades. I will look into it.

Further, the Federal Government also announced renewal of the Eastern Ontario Development Program in Renfrew County for two years. Deadline is June 30, 2009 and categories include: Business Development, Community Development, Skills Development, Attraction and Retention of Youth and Improved Access to Capital and Leverage Capital. We will pursue the Community Development component and will bring more detailed information to Council in the near future once more details are known.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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