

## Grant Highlights

---



### Ontario Municipal Partnership Grant

The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund – Grant (OMPF) for 2020 will be \$1,054,600. Although the Province is currently reviewing the status of the OMPF grant program, it did commit that there would be, “no changes to the structure” of the OMPF for 2020.

The typical practice has been to use OMPF to offset one time/set time or capital expenses. Over the years, this funding has supported many capital projects and it has also been used to clear operational deficits that have occurred in recreation facilities and at the landfill site. Increased fees and charges and other operational efficiencies have resulted in the landfill site operating on a cost recovery basis. The recreation centres have also benefitted from several operating efficiencies and Council recently endorsed increasing ice rental fees annually by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). These measures are expected to decrease deficits however, there is an expectation that deficits at the two arenas will continue for the foreseeable future.

The Township needs to be mindful that OMPF funding is likely to change in the future and as such planning for capital and one-time financing may need to be amended.

### Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

The Township expects to receive \$190,000 under the OCIF program in 2020. These funds continue to support the Township’s asset management planning. In 2020, OCIF funds will support the Storm Water Collection System Assessment Study. A tender will be issued for a contractor to assess the Township’s storm water systems. This work will establish baseline data to assist with a long-term maintenance and capital works program.

### Main Street Funding

The Province committed \$26 million to support main street revitalization projects throughout Ontario in 2018. The Township was allocated \$52,738 to fund improvements to public amenities in community improvement plan areas. The Provincial Main Street funding will be used for the 2020 capital project to improve the Young’s Point business area. Works will include road reconstruction, storm water improvements, decorative lighting, sidewalks and landscaping.



## Grant Highlights

---

### **Modernization and Efficiency Grant**

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced a one-time payment in the 2018-19 Provincial fiscal year to support small and rural municipalities' efforts to become more efficient and reduce expenditure growth in the longer term. The grant is unconditional however, it is very clear that the Province expects the funds to be used for initiatives that will result in efficiencies, cost savings and improved customer service. The modernization grant is a clear indication that the Province expects municipalities to prepare for future fiscal restraints.

The Township received \$627,696 for modernization and efficiency efforts. To date \$438,885 has been committed to fund the following:

- 1) Website Enhancements
- 2) Implementation of a Municipal App
- 3) Asset Management Software
- 4) Large Format Scanner and Printer
- 5) Municipal Office – Improved Space Utilization
- 6) New Financial Services Software

### **Community Transportation Grant**

The Ministry of Transportation is funding a three-year transportation pilot in the amount of \$1.48 million. Programs partners include Curve Lake First Nation, Community Care Peterborough and the City of Peterborough (the City will act as the contractor for the service). The pilot is expected to commence in May of 2020.

### **Rural Economic Development Grant**

The Township expects to receive \$111,779.97 through the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs RED grant program. The Township has received conditional approval pending the execution of a funding agreement. The Rural Economic Development (RED) fund will offer 30% funding for the Lakefield Trail Town project. This project includes:

- ✓ Downtown amenities – waste /recycling containers, water refill station, bike racks, benches etc...
- ✓ Replacement of the green street lights
- ✓ Renovations to the former Scouts Building.

## Grant Highlights

---

### Other Provincial Grants

#### Library Operating Grant

Library Service continues to receive the annual operating grant of \$37,113. This unconditional grant has not changed in years, but does provide stable funding to the Library branches.

Occasionally other project specific grants are provided by the Provincial Ministry responsible for Libraries as Capacity Grants and have supported such projects as the e-book registration. When awarded these grants are allocated to the area of highest need as determined by the Library Board.

#### RIDE Grant

The Township applies through the Smith-Ennismore Police Services Board for Provincial funding to support the RIDE program. These RIDE programs provide for dedicated resources to conduct RIDE checks to ensure that intoxicated drivers are kept off of our roadways. The 2019/2020 R.I.D.E. grant is \$8,853. The Peterborough Police Service manages the RIDE program for the Lakefield Ward. Since the provincial year end is March, revenues usually bridge two years.

### Federal Gas Tax Program

**Federal Gas Tax Funds**  
*at work in your community*

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) administers this program in Ontario. The federal Gas Tax Fund became enshrined in legislation as a permanent annual source of infrastructure funding for Canada's municipalities at \$2 billion per year. The fund is allocated on a per capita basis across Canada.

In 2020, the Township will receive \$517,536. Gas Tax Revenues are being utilized to offset expenditures for the micro-surfacing of Concession Street and road reconstruction projects on Tindle Bay Road and the 15<sup>th</sup> Line. The additional resurfacing work and the design costs for Water Street will also be funded from Gas Tax in 2020.

### FCM - Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (MCIP)

**FCM** FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES  
FÉDÉRATION CANADIENNE DES MUNICIPALITÉS

The MCIP is a five-year, \$75-million dollar program that helps municipalities prepare for and adapt to climate change, and to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs). The program is delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and is funded by the Government of Canada.

The Township was approved for a Climate Change Staff Grant in the amount of \$114,080 in 2019 and 2020. This grant will support 80% of the salary and benefit costs for a two-year contract position of Climate Change Coordinator.

## **Grant Highlights**

---

This position has been integral in supporting the Township's efforts to meet its GHG emission reduction targets as well as moving forward with the planning and implementation of action items from the Climate Change Action Plan.

In 2020 the Climate Change Coordinator will be particularly involved in the launch of the Clear Bag Program and the three-year Community Transportation Pilot. The Township's 20% share for this program (\$28,520) will be funded through the Sustainability Initiatives reserve.

## **Other Grants**

### **Frank Cowan Company**

The Township will receive a total of \$5,000 from the Frank Cowan Company Home Town Program and an additional \$500 from Canada Brokerlink in 2020 for the ReLeaf and Digester Program. Eligible households can apply to receive a free tree and/or digester for their properties.

## **Other Funding Sources – Potential**

---

### **Municipal Modernization Program - Intake 1**

In addition to the Provincial Modernization and Efficiency funding which provided a one-time payment to municipalities in 2019, the Province also introduced an application based municipal modernization grant in late 2019.

The Municipal Affairs and Housing requested that municipalities submit an Expression of Interest to undertake expenditure reviews with the goal of finding service delivery efficiencies and lowering costs in the longer term. The Township's overarching goal will be to engage a third party consultant (s) to recommend methodologies to reduce administrative and operating costs, while driving operational efficiencies, in all user pay areas of the municipality including:

- Building and Planning
- Water and sewer
- Waste Management
- Recreation cost centers (i.e. marina, arena(s), ball diamonds, etc...).

The Township's Expression of Interest has also requested support to review succession management challenges, the organizational structure and workload of the Fire Service.

Total project estimate is \$180,000 and the Township expects to receive feedback on the Expression of Interest mid-January/early February. In accordance with the requirement of the program, these reviews would have to be complete by June 30, 2020.

### **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV)**

FCM provides funding to support initiatives to implement green technologies. The Township has applied to FCM to support a one-year pilot to lease a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV). This vehicle would be used to support travel needs for inspection services in the Building Department. The FCM funding can be up to 80% which would fund the lease, maintenance, fuel/oil, charging, charging station and installation costs for the one-year pilot. If successful, the FCM grant could be \$16,161.44 (based on 80% funding). The Township expects to receive feedback on its application in Q2.

### **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)**

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is a joint federal, provincial and ultimate recipient cost-sharing program to support capital infrastructure projects. The Township applied for ICIP funding to renovate the Memorial Hall in Lakefield. The project would include expanding the main floor to create a larger, more functional library that would also include energy efficiencies (insulation, wiring,

## **Other Funding Sources – Potential**

---

windows). The project would also include renovations to the second floor to create flexible space for community partners and the library for programming, events, etc.. The expected project cost is \$2.5 million of which approximately 73% would be covered by federal/provincial funds. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2027.

### **Student Wage Grant Programs**

An application will be submitted to the Federal Canada Summer Jobs program and an application will be made to the Provincial Summer Job Service to support student employment opportunities. Students are employed at the municipal office, the Lakefield Marina and the Library and these student funding programs assist in supporting the cost of wages. Wage subsidies are typically announced in late spring.

### **Career-Launcher Clean Tech Internship**

In order to support the clear bag launch and other sustainable projects such as Releaf and the Digester programs it is proposed that an application be made to the Career-Launcher Clean Tech Internship program. The program is offered through Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) and is intended to support employers who wish to hire an intern related to the use or development of clean tech climate and/or environmental initiatives. Internships can be for 6-12 months and CICan can contribute up to 70% of the intern's salary, to a maximum of \$15,000.

## OMPF Funding Summary

Details		<b>Budget 2020</b>
Total OMPF Allocation ( <i>reduction of \$5,900</i> )		1,054,600
<b><u>Operations Expenses - 2019 Deficits:</u></b>		
Lakefield-Smith Community Center Deficit	<i>preliminary</i>	-35,835
Ennismore Arena Deficit	<i>preliminary</i>	-78,892
<b><u>Capital Project Expenses:</u></b>		
Public Realm Investments - Trail Town - Public Washrooms	<i>Dept. # 6</i>	-56,000
Wayfinding Signage	<i>Dept. # 7</i>	-18,000
Public Realm Investments - Trail Town - Amenities	<i>Dept. # 7</i>	-117,840
Road Improvements - Young's Point	<i>Dept. # 20</i>	-306,172
PW Equipment Reserve - <i>residual to reserve - post audit 2019</i>	<i>Dept. # 22</i>	-228,261
Public Realm Investments - Trail town LED Decoratives	<i>Dept. # 23</i>	-138,600
LSCC - Desiccant dehumidification unit	<i>Dept. # 42</i>	-40,000
Ennismore Arena - compressor & water pump	<i>Dept. # 43</i>	-35,000
<b>Balance</b>		<u><u>0</u></u>