

Grant Highlights



Ontario Municipal Partnership Grant

The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund – Grant (OMPF) for 2024 has been confirmed and will be \$1,133,700 (increase of \$12,300 over 2023). In 2024, OMPF is proposed to support the following capital projects: new WIFI Ennismore and Lakefield arenas; Ward Street EA – engineering/design costs (cooperation with the County); Concession Street - top lift of asphalt from the Arena to Queen Street; Ennismore CIP - engineering and re-design; interlock brick replacement (downtown Lakefield CIP related); Township’s final portion of the Causeway reconstruction; guide rail replacements Fothergill Isle; Lakefield Marina boardwalk/docks assessment; Hague Blvd (2 new docks); trees downtown Lakefield (CIP); Stanley Street Trail – asphalt; Water Street boat launch – dock; compressor retrofits (Lakefield and Ennismore) and geranium barrels (Buckhorn – Selwyn side).

There will also be a transfer to the Public Works Equipment Reserve as well as addressing operating deficits at the Ennismore and Lakefield arenas and the Fire Department.

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.

The Township needs to be mindful that OMPF funding may 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 has received confirmation that it will receive \$304,404 under the OCIF program in 2024; a decrease of \$53,718 over 2023 amount. In 2024, these funds continue to support the Township’s asset management plan and related staff resourcing. The OCIF grant will fund stormwater/CCTV expenses.

Community Transportation Grant

The Ministry of Transportation is funding The Link transportation pilot in the amount of \$2.36 million, an increase of \$884,625.78 over the original \$1.48 million commitment. In addition, the Province also extended the grant to operate the pilot to 2025. Programs partners include Curve Lake First Nation, Community Care Peterborough, and the City of Peterborough (City Transit is the contractor for the service). The pilot was successfully launched in May of 2021.

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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 decades however it does provide stable annual funding to the Library system.

A delegation will be made at the ROMA conference to urge the Province to increase the amount of the annual operating grant given the significant cost increases being experienced to provide this evolving and important service in communities across the Province.

Occasionally other project specific grants are provided by the Provincial Ministry responsible for Libraries as Capacity Grants and the Ministry responsible for Seniors and Community volunteering. When awarded these grants are allocated to the area of highest need as determined by the CEO and 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 dedicated resources to conduct RIDE checks to ensure that intoxicated drivers are kept off our roadways. The RIDE grant has been confirmed for a two-year period (2022-23 and 2023-24). The grant for each period (2022-23 and 2023-24) is \$8580.32 for a total value of \$17,160.64. The Peterborough Police Service manages the RIDE program for the Lakefield Ward. Since the provincial year end is March, revenues usually bridge two years.

Canada Community Building Fund (formerly Federal Gas Tax Program)

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) administers this program in Ontario. The federal Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) 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 2024, the Township will receive \$586,452 (increase of \$23,524). CCBF funds are being utilized to offset expenditures for the surfacing improvements for various roads.

Inclusive Communities Grant

The Township received \$60,000 towards the "Creating an Inclusive Waterfront in Lakefield" project, which includes the purchase and installation of an assistive



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kayak launch at Isabel Morris Park and a fully accessible canoe/kayak launch at the Lakefield Beach. The project cost is approx. \$72,904 and must be completed by July 31, 2024.

ICIP: Green Infrastructure Stream

The Township received \$3,046,518 towards the “Rehabilitation of Lakefield Water System” project, which includes major and minor infrastructure upgrades at the Lakefield Water Treatment Plant to both meet current health and safety standards and as preventative maintenance; as well as recommissioning the Lakefield Standpipe and replacing of 550 metres of water mains under Strickland Street and 180 metres of water mains under Prospect Street in the Village of Lakefield. The project cost is approx. \$4,150,000 of which 40% would be covered by federal funds and 33.3% by provincial funds. While most of this project will be reflected in the Lakefield water and sewer budget, components related to roads and stormwater will benefit from the project.

Green Municipal Fund: Community Efficiency Financing

In 2023, the Township partnered with the Clean Air Partnership and Grey County to submit an application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Community Efficiency Financing program. The funding application was successful and a grant of up to \$120,000 to complete a feasibility study to explore the development of a Home Energy Loan Program has been approved. A Home Energy Loan Program provides loans to homeowners to complete energy efficiency upgrades, which supports the Township’s climate change action goals. FCM will cover 80% of the costs to complete the feasibility study. It is anticipated that the Township’s share of the remaining 20% would be \$10,000 and would be funded through the sustainability reserve with costs accounted for in Department 5.

Impact Canada



The Township received \$12,500 through Impact Canada towards the continuation of the FoodCycler Program, which includes the purchase of an additional 250 FoodCycler units to be distributed.

The total cost of the continuation of the pilot program is \$82,500. With the \$12,500 in funding support from Impact Canada, the pilot’s total cost is reduced to \$66,000. Selling the units to residents will result in a residential contribution of \$37,500 towards the program. The remaining cost (\$32,500) would be covered by the Sustainability Reserve.

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ORCCA – Staff Capacity Program

The Ontario Resource Centre for Climate Adaptation (ORCCA) launched a Staff Capacity Program. This program provides a staff support person to help municipalities implement climate change adaptation projects. The Township will be receiving 200 hours of staff support in 2024 to assist with developing a Climate Lens Tool. A Climate Lens Tool will help staff consider how projects and decisions might be impacted by climate change.

Other Funding Sources – Potential

The following grants have been applied for and are awaiting funding announcements.

Community Emergency Preparedness Grant

The Township has applied for \$50,000 through the provincial government's Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) to purchase a 100kW standalone, emergency stand-by generator to be installed at the Smith Public Works Garage. The expected total project cost is \$100,500. The project must be completed by July 31, 2024.

Natural Infrastructure Fund

The Township has applied for \$66,575 through the federal government's Natural Infrastructure Fund (NIF) towards the planting of a 600-metre-long vegetative buffer around the Lakefield Campground, creating a physical barrier between campground activities, the Lakefield Trail, and the Imagine the Marsh Conservation Area. The expected total project cost is \$83,219, with NIF providing 80% of the funding. The project was to be completed by March 31, 2024.

Student Wage Grant Programs

An application has been 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, Public Works and the Library and these student funding programs assist in supporting the cost of wages. Wage subsidies are typically announced in late spring.

Tree Canada – Tremendous Communities Grant

The Township has applied for \$8,650 through Tree Canada's Tremendous Communities Grant to plant 6 honey locust trees, along with metal tree grates on Queen Street in Lakefield. The interlock brick was replaced along Queen Street in late 2022, providing the ideal time to incorporate space for new trees. Incorporating trees on the main street supports the Township's Climate Change Action Plan.

Enbridge Climate Action Incentive

Enbridge Gas provides an incentive for up to \$10,000 to municipalities to support climate change action initiatives and projects. Funds can be used for qualifying studies and reports, community events, or promotion and marketing. The Township intends to apply for these funds in 2024 to support the FoodCycler program.

Other Funding Sources – Potential

Upcoming Grants

The following list of grants has been announced.

Hydro One Energizing Life – Community Fund*

The deadline to apply is January 31, 2024.

The Township can apply for up to \$25,000 through Hydro One's Energizing Life - Community Fund towards projects that focus on the physical, psychological and emotional safety of Ontarians.

****Note: The Optimist Club is applying for these funds to improve the accessibility of the playground equipment at the Ennismore Waterfront Park. This would be a collaborative project between the Township, the Optimist Club and the community.***

Ontario Trillium Foundation – Capital Grant

The deadline to apply is March 6, 2024.

The Township can apply for up to \$200,000 through the Ontario Trillium Foundation's (OTF) Community Investment Capital Grant towards projects that help build healthy and vibrant communities. The main objective of the project must be to Project priorities must:

- Maintain or increase access to a program or service;
- Extend the life of a facility or space; and/or
- Improve a facility or space to make it more accessible.

Tourism Growth Program

The deadline to apply is February 29, 2024.

The Township can apply for up to \$250,000 through the federal government's Tourism Growth Program towards projects that focus on one or more of the following program priorities:

- supporting the Indigenous tourism industry
- increasing tourism benefits for communities by driving visitation from urban areas to rural areas
- supporting economic, environmental, and cultural sustainability
- supporting active outdoor experiences (e.g., projects that provide more opportunities for physically active tourism offerings such as rock-climbing, trails, watersports, etc.)
- extending the tourism season (e.g., projects that promote and/or develop product, services, or experiences with an aim of increasing tourism activity outside the traditional high season or extending their services year-round)
- complement support provided through provincial programs.

Other Funding Sources – Potential

Rural Economic Development (RED) Program

The next intake for the RED Program will open in January 2024. The updated program guidelines, application and deadline will be available at that time.

Under the federal government's Rural Economic Development (RED) Program's Economic Diversification and Competitiveness Program, the Township can apply for up to 50% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$150,000. **All costs for projects in this stream must be non-capital.** Projects must:

- remove barriers to business and job growth;
- support investment attraction;
- strengthen sector and regional partnerships; and/or
- diversify regional economies in rural Ontario

Under the Strategic Economic Infrastructure Stream, the Township can apply for up to 30% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$250,000. **All costs for projects in this stream must be minor capital costs.** This stream focuses on priority economic infrastructure projects that improve physical assets identified as strategically important to the community. Enhancements would rehabilitate and renew the assets to preserve the unique character of a community and quality of life and enhance it for future generations.

My Main Street – Community Activator Program

The next intake for the My Main Street – Community Activator Program will open February 15, 2024. The updated program guidelines, application and deadline will be available at that time.

The My Main Street Community Activator provides support for community projects in southern Ontario designed to draw visitors and increase local vibrancy. This program supports high-impact placemaking projects that seek to revitalize neighborhoods and reimagine public spaces including main streets, downtown strips and plazas as vibrant and inclusive places that work for everyone.

Funding will be allocated to provide non-repayable contributions up to \$250,000 to support up to 75 community not-for-profit projects.

Upcoming Projects

A list of potential projects is identified below that may be suitable for submission to the grant programs described above:

- Ennismore Community Improvement Plan (CIP) – Public Realm Improvements
- Vendor Pop-up Market (pending Council direction)
- Lakefield Beach – Accessibility Improvements (pathway, accessible parking) to access new accessible docks that are planned in 2024
- Interlock Brick Replacement – The Old Post Office and Memorial Hall

Township of Selwyn

OMPF Funding Summary

| Details | Budget 2024 |
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| Total OMPF Allocation | 1,133,700 |
| <u>Operations Expenses - Covering Prior Years Deficits:</u> | |
| Fire Department Deficit | -15,000 |
| Lakefield-Smith Community Center Deficit | -40,000 |
| Ennismore Arena Deficit | -40,000 |
| <u>Support of Succession Management</u> | |
| Succession Mgmt./Org. Phase In - placeholder | -100,000 |
| <u>Capital/Special Project Expenses:</u> | |
| Facility Related - placeholder | -200,000 |
| Community Projects - w/ placeholder | -108,000 |
| Road Construction Projects | -159,890 |
| Structures Projects | -113,000 |
| Recreation Projects | -96,000 |
| PW Equipment Reserve - <i>incl. residual to reserve</i> | -261,810 |
| Balance | <u><u>0</u></u> |