



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2019-M-057

Memorandum to Council



Staff



Committee

Subject: Rural and Northern Communities Funding Stream

Agenda Date: **March 28, 2019**

Attachments: Correspondence

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo No. 2019-M-057;

AND FURTHER THAT Council selects _____ as the project to be applied for through this intake.

INFORMATION

The Province recently announced the Rural and Northern Communities Funding Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. The intake opened on March 18, 2019 and is open until May 14, 2019. Applications are being accepted in support of transportation priorities of small, rural and northern communities. For the current intake, the stated objective is to support improved and/or more reliable road, bridge, air infrastructure, or marine infrastructure assets. Project limits are \$5 million and there is the potential of submitting a joint application with another qualifying applicant which could see that total increase to \$10 million. Only one project can be submitted. If the option of submitting a joint application is chosen then that project is the only one that can be submitted. Projects would start after approval is received and must be completed by October 31, 2026. Due to our population, our share of any approved project would be 6.67% of total approved project costs.

Public Works Superintendent Turcotte reviewed our present asset management plan and provided input on road conditions etc. With funding of this nature, maximizing our benefit translates in selecting larger dollar projects. With this in mind, the larger dollar projects, according to our Asset Management Plan, are listed in this report.

Wilson/Tomono Road has a replacement cost estimated at \$10,045,554 and is considered to be in poor condition. There are also a couple of water crossings that would be part of the overall project. Completing this project would also provide a secondary access when Highway 11 is shut down between the to access points of this road.

Sherman Mine Road as a replacement cost estimated at \$6,565,604 and is considered to be in poor condition. This road is mainly used to access one of our dump sites as well as our industrial park.

Stevens/Fox Run have a combined estimated replacement cost of \$3,469,625 and is considered to be in good condition. With the funding these roads could be improved to the point where they could receive a paved surface and could be expanded to include bike and pedestrian areas. Sightline deficiencies could also be improved with this funding.

Lake Temagami Access Road has a replacement cost estimated at \$9,990,054 and is considered to be in good condition. There are also areas of this road where sightline deficiencies can be improved (depending on steps required to move road) as well as areas where general safety could be improved. This project would also have the added benefit of being a possible joint project with Temagami First Nation which, if approved by both parties, could be submitted as a joint application with the limit at \$10 million.

It is important to remember that our Asset Management Plan was last updated some time ago. This translates into the possibility that the condition of roads is not the same as what was reported in our plan. As well, the estimated replacement cost was calculated using a cost per km that remained constant according to the type of road (gravel or paved) and does not necessarily reflect the actual costs associated with the individual projects.

While the deadline for applications is short, we do have sufficient time to consider the project selected by Council for application and ensure that our condition rating and costing projections are updated as required.

Part of the eligible costs under this project are Environmental Assessment Costs, Design/Engineering costs, Project Management Costs, Materials, and Construction. This, along with the time given to complete the project means that we can use reasonable estimates to complete the application and then contract design, engineering, and required environment assessments with time available for construction.

The recommendation has been left blank at this point and can be filled in once Council has had an opportunity to discuss the merits of the different project and what would be best for the Municipality.

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