



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.  
2024-M-161

## Memorandum to Council

**Subject:** Application for Housing Enabling Core Services Funding

**Agenda Date:** October 10, 2024

**Attachments:**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the submission of an application for the resurfacing of Fox Run Road under the MHIP-HECS funding stream.

### **INFORMATION**

#### **Purpose:**

To seek Council approval to apply for funding under the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) - Housing Enabling Core Servicing (HECS) stream for the resurfacing of Fox Run Road in the Cassels Lake subdivision. This report outlines the project details, the cost estimate, and the necessity of including this project in the 2025 budget should the funding application be successful.

#### **Background:**

Fox Run Road serves as an access route within the Cassels Lake subdivision, connecting 101 (CGIS/MPAC) properties with road access and providing access to potential future housing developments. The road also serves as an access point to properties on Rabbit Lake and Cassels Lake.

In recent years, significant roadbed deterioration occurred due to increased traffic volumes and construction-related wear. To address these issues, the Municipality undertook a comprehensive remediation plan, including:

- **Removal of the existing tar and chip surface** to address frost heaves, boulders, and clay deposits;
- **Regrading and resurfacing with gravel** over the road length in preparation for resurfacing;
- **Replacement of guardrails and cross-culverts** to meet safety standards
- **Remediating some of the sight line barriers** to improve general safety on the road

As a result of these efforts, the road is now ready for resurfacing with a low-cost bituminous double surface treatment. Tulloch Engineering has provided an engineering assessment supporting the next phase of the project.

#### **Project Scope and Cost:**

The project involves resurfacing the entire 5.8 km of Fox Run Road; The scope includes:

- **Prepare an RFP document** to follow procurement policy;
- **A 6.8m wide driving surface with 1.0m shoulders** on either side for improved vehicle safety;

- **Enhanced surface treatment** through curves to support trailers and larger vehicles;

The forecasted cost for the resurfacing project is estimated at **\$615,000**. An updated estimate was sought for funding purposes, with the project scheduled for completion in spring/summer 2025. However, the final cost will be confirmed after the engineering report is completed. If successful, the project will be included in the Municipality's **2025 budget**, with 50% of the costs covered by the MHIP-HECS grant and the remaining 50% funded by the Municipality.

### **Funding Opportunity:**

The MHIP-HECS stream provides an opportunity to apply for funding for infrastructure projects that support housing development and growth. Fox Run Road qualifies as a critical infrastructure project under the program, as it will enable access to both existing properties and potential new developments. The MHIP-HECS program can cover **up to 50% of eligible project costs**.

### **Request for Council Approval:**

This report seeks Council approval to apply for funding under the MHIP-HECS program. The project aligns with the funding program's objectives of supporting housing development through infrastructure improvements. If successful, the funding will reduce the financial burden on the Municipality by covering 50% of the project cost.

### **Alternative Options:**

The **MHIP-HECS** funding can be applied to projects like the **replacement of the Wilson Tonomo Bridge**, the **Lake Temagami Access Road Bridge**, **improvements to the Lake Temagami Access Road**, or the **Cedar Poplar Loop (Water and Sewer costs are not eligible)**

Eligible projects under MHIP-HECS include **road and bridge infrastructure improvements** that **enable housing development and growth**. This means that if these bridges or road improvements are critical to supporting future housing developments in the area, they could qualify for funding.

However, only one project can be submitted per municipality, you would need to choose which of these projects is most strategically important and likely to secure funding.

### **Next Steps:**

1. Submit the completed funding application through the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) portal by the deadline of October 18, 2024.
2. Prepare necessary supporting documents, including:
  - Tulloch Engineering's assessment report.
  - A traffic impact study and project map.
  - The required project details and cost estimates.

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