

Feedback from OMAFRA regarding OCIF Application.

I spoke with OMAFRA staff today regarding our OCIF application and why it was not approved. I was informed of the following:

- 263 applications for over \$300 million were received. 78 were approved – total \$100 million.
- It was a really competitive process – the deciding factors were:
  1. It had to be a critical health and safety need.
  2. It had to be supported by a comprehensive Asset Management Plan (AMP)
  3. It had to demonstrate the applicant's financial need.
- How Temagami's application ranked:
  1. H & S criteria-as set out in technical schedule to the application – within the framework of the standards, policies, and requirements of MOECC. Temagami's application assessed well in this area.
  2. AMP-comprehensiveness of AMP as measured against the provincial guide. Temagami's application assessed weak in this area. Looked at 4 areas of AMP:
    - State of Local Infrastructure: (this info was good)
    - Desired levels of service: (our AMP **needs** improvement in this area)
    - Asset management strategy: (our AMO could use some improvement in this area)
    - Financing strategy: (our AMP **needs** improvement in this area)
  3. Applicant financial need-this was based on the following:
    - Cost of project per household
    - Median household income
    - Weighted property assessment per household
    - NOTE: municipal debt, reserve levels, and taxes were NOT part of this assessment.Temagami's application reviewed well in this area.

There is a second intake anticipated this spring. It is expected that costs can be incurred as of the launch date to qualify. The focus of the application should be on a local priority project that is identified in the AMP that demonstrates a strong alignment with the program criteria.