



SUBJECT: Investing in Canada Infrastructure (ICIP) – transit stream funding agreement

TO: Corporate Services, Strategy, Risk & Accountability Cttee.

FROM: Corporate Strategy

Report Number: CS-01-21

Wards Affected: All

File Numbers: 155-03-01

Date to Committee: February 3, 2021

Date to Council: February 16, 2021

Recommendation:

Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the transfer payment agreement or any required amendment to the agreement between the City of Burlington and the Province of Ontario regarding the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) - transit stream, along with the attached by-law and any other related documents to the satisfaction of the Executive Director of Legal Services and Corporation Counsel.

PURPOSE:

Vision to Focus Alignment:

- Improve integrated city mobility
- Support sustainable infrastructure and a resilient environment

Background and Discussion:

The ICIP is a federal infrastructure program designed to generate long-term economic growth, build inclusive, sustainable and resilient communities and support low-carbon communities. The intention of the ICIP – Transit Stream is primarily to build new urban transit networks and service extensions. The program will fund construction, expansion and improvement of transit networks across the country. The program is cost shared between the three levels of government:

Federal Contribution	40.00%
Provincial Contribution	33.33%
Municipal Contribution	26.67%

In October 2019, the City of Burlington submitted applications for the following projects:

- Conventional transit vehicle replacement
- Conventional transit vehicle expansion
- Specialized transit vehicle expansion
- Vehicle hoist replacement and fuel pump expansion
- Transit traffic signal priority
- Alternate Service Delivery/On Demand Service
- PRESTO Fare System

To be considered for funding, projects must be aligned with one of the following transit improvement outcomes:

- Improved capacity of public transit infrastructure
- Improved quality and /or safety of existing or future transit systems
- Improved access to a public transit system.

In September 2020, the City of Burlington together with the Governments of Canada and Ontario celebrated the funding approval of all the projects we submitted except for the PRESTO fare system, as it was deemed ineligible.

To facilitate the transfer of the funding from the Federal and Provincial governments to the City of Burlington a fully executed transfer payment agreement is necessary.

Financial Matters:

The Government of Canada will provide more than \$5.1 million to support the six approved projects. The Province of Ontario's contribution is over \$4.3 million, and the City will contribute more the \$3.4 million.

Project	Federal Funding	Provincial Funding	Municipal Funding
Vehicle hoist replacement & fuel pump expansion	\$220,500.00	\$183,731.63	\$147,018.37
Conventional transit vehicle replacement	\$1,121,467.20	\$934,462.54	\$747,738.26
Specialized transit expansion vehicles	\$281,544.06	\$234,596.59	\$187,719.50
Transit traffic signal priority	\$334,000.00	\$278,305.50	\$222,694.51
Conventional transit vehicle expansion	\$3,123,606.00	\$2,602,744.70	\$2,082,664.30
On demand/ alternative service delivery	\$80,000.00	\$66,660.00	\$53,340.00

Source of Funding

As reported in report CC-05-20 COVID-19 Municipal Funding, the City's funding contribution for these projects is included in the approved 2020 capital budget as well as the approved 2021-2030 Capital Budget and Forecast.

Climate Implications

Public transit continues to play a critical role in local climate mitigation by providing residents with a viable alternative to decreasing greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles for single use trips. This funding will ensure that Burlington Transit services remain a practical and stable option while promoting the goals outlined in the City's Climate Change Action Plan.

Engagement Matters:

While there was no public engagement in the preparation of this report, Burlington Transit will continue to work with and consult committees such as the Burlington for Accessible and Sustainable Transit (BFAST), the Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee as the ICIP-Transit projects are completed.

Conclusion:

Receipt of the ICIP-Transit stream funding is conditional upon the terms and conditions set out in the Agreement having been met, including the provision of a number of documents including a by-law authorizing the City of Burlington to enter into the agreement or any required amendment to the agreement with the Province of Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendices:

Appendix A - By-law Number XX-2021

Report Approval:

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, the Chief Financial Officer and the Executive Director of Legal Services & Corporation Counsel.