



Meeting Date: April 5, 2023

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Report No: CAO-9-2023

Subject: Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Recommendation:

THAT Report CAO-9-2023, re: Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership be received for information.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to update Council and the public about a Federal Grant program for the agricultural sector called the [Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership](#).

Background:

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) is a new \$3.5-billion, 5-year agreement (April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028), between the federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen the competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of the agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector. The agreement includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and \$2.5 billion in cost-shared programs and activities funded by federal, provincial and territorial governments.

Analysis:

Sustainable CAP focuses on the 5 key priority areas agreed to in [The Guelph Statement](#):

- Building sector capacity, growth and competitiveness;
- Climate change and environment;
- Science, research and innovation;
- Market development and trade; and
- Resiliency and public trust

Sustainable CAP provides strong support for science, research and innovation to:

- address challenges
- seize new opportunities
- open new markets
- strengthen the resiliency of the sector

The Sustainable CAP runs from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2028. To learn more about the federal funding programs – www.agriculture.canada.ca/sustainable-cap

Financial Implications:

The Sustainable CAP invests \$2.5 billion to support region-specific agriculture programs and services that are tailored to meet regional needs. These programs are cost-shared between the federal and provincial/territorial governments with the federal government contributing 60% of the costs of the program and the provincial/territorial government contributing 40%.

The programs are developed and delivered by the provinces and territories. The programs' parameters and priorities are jointly defined by federal, provincial and territorial governments.

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Vibrant Local Economy

Enabling our agricultural sector to take advantage of federal grant programs to create more sustainable and climate-action programs is a benefit to all in Middlesex Centre.

Attachments:

Attachment – Brochure on Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership Program