



**Meeting Date:** February 19, 2020  
**Submitted by:** Tiffany Farrell, Director of Corporate Services  
**Report No:** CPS-02-2020  
**Subject:** Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund 2020

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**Recommendation:**

**THAT** the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund 2020 report be received,

**AND THAT** the \$992,950 fund the Hot Mix Resurfacing Project in 2020;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the funds initially approved in the 2020 Budget for the Hot Mix Resurfacing Program be transferred back into the Roads Capital Reserve Fund.

**Purpose:**

To provide Council with an update to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

**Background:**

The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) provides a steady source of predictable, long-term funding and supports the repair and revitalization of roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure in small, rural and northern communities.

**Formula Based funding**

Grants are linked to core infrastructure (roads, bridges, water and wastewater) owned by municipalities and to their economic conditions.

The grant is designed to be responsive to local needs and economic conditions. In order to ensure that municipalities with more core infrastructure and more challenging economic conditions receive proportionally larger grants, the amount of funding per \$100,000 of total core infrastructure is calculated using an “infrastructure index”.

Municipalities with a higher infrastructure index will receive a proportionally larger grant per \$100,000 of core infrastructure.

The following steps are used to calculate a municipality’s grant.

**Step 1: Determine the amount of core infrastructure owned by the municipality**

A municipality's core infrastructure is valued at cost as reported in its Financial Information Return (Schedule 51: Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets).

**Step 2: Calculate the infrastructure index**

The infrastructure index compares a municipality's core infrastructure to its weighted property assessment and median household income.

**Step 3: Determine the funding per \$100,000 of core infrastructure to be received by the municipality**

The exact amount of formula-based funding for every \$100,000 of core infrastructure owned by the municipality depends on the municipality's infrastructure index and how it relates to the median infrastructure index of all eligible municipalities.

**Analysis:**

2020 Formula funding was put on hold in 2019, and therefore staff did not include this funding in the 2020 budget. The program has since been reviewed and renewed for 2020.

Formula based funding:

Middlesex Centre's formula-based allocation of funding (allocation) under the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund is \$992,950 (2019: \$959,902).

This amount will be allocated to the Municipalities hot mix resurfacing roads program for 2020. The money identified from roads capital reserve fund for this project will remain in the reserve fund for 2020.

**Financial Implications:**

2020 formula allocation \$992,590 (2019: \$959,902)

The original funding source for the hot mix resurfacing project will remain in the Roads Capital Reserve Fund.

**Strategic Plan:**

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- 5e. Operational Excellence: Forging partnerships with other levels of government.

**Attachments:**

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