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Town of Minto
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Dear CAO/Clerk:

The 2016 Federal Budget announced the establishment of a Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) that proposes to invest up to \$569.6 million in the province of Ontario for immediate improvements to water distribution and treatment infrastructure, starting in 2016-17.

CWWF will provide municipalities with vital infrastructure funding to help accelerate short term investments to support the rehabilitation and modernization of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and the planning and design of future facilities and upgrades to existing systems.

The provision of CWWF funding is governed by a bilateral agreement between Canada and Ontario, with the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure being responsible for the administration of CWWF. The federal government will contribute 50% of the eligible project costs, up to the maximum federal allocation noted below. In addition, the Province will contribute 25% of eligible project costs, up to the maximum provincial allocation noted below.

Municipality allocations under the CWWF are based on the amount of water, wastewater and stormwater assets owned by municipalities and their economic conditions. Grants for First Nations are based on each community's population on reserve. All recipients receive a minimum of \$75,000.

Projects must be complete with all costs incurred prior to March 31, 2018. Where need is demonstrated, up to 25% of costs can extend beyond March 31, 2018. Extensions beyond March 31, 2018 require pre-approval by the Province and the Federal Government.

I am pleased to note that, Town of Minto will be eligible to receive a maximum federal allocation of \$498,740 and a maximum provincial allocation of \$249,370.

In order to submit an application to receive CWWF funding and access the CWWF Program Guide, please visit:

<http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR015994.html>.

Please note that eligible recipients must complete in full and submit electronically a CWWF Project List Template to the email identified on the Grants Ontario web portal by October 31, 2016.

For more information on how to complete each component, in addition to information regarding general program requirements and eligibility criteria please refer to the CWWF Program Guide.

If you have any questions regarding the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF), please contact Infrastructure Ontario, at 1-844-803-8856.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Doherty', written in a cursive style.

Elizabeth Doherty
Director, Intergovernmental Policy Branch
Infrastructure Policy Division

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