



**TOWN OF MINTO**

**MEETING DATE:** October 15, 2024  
**REPORT TO:** Mayor and Council  
**SERVICE AREA:** Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** PW 2024-023 – Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund Application

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

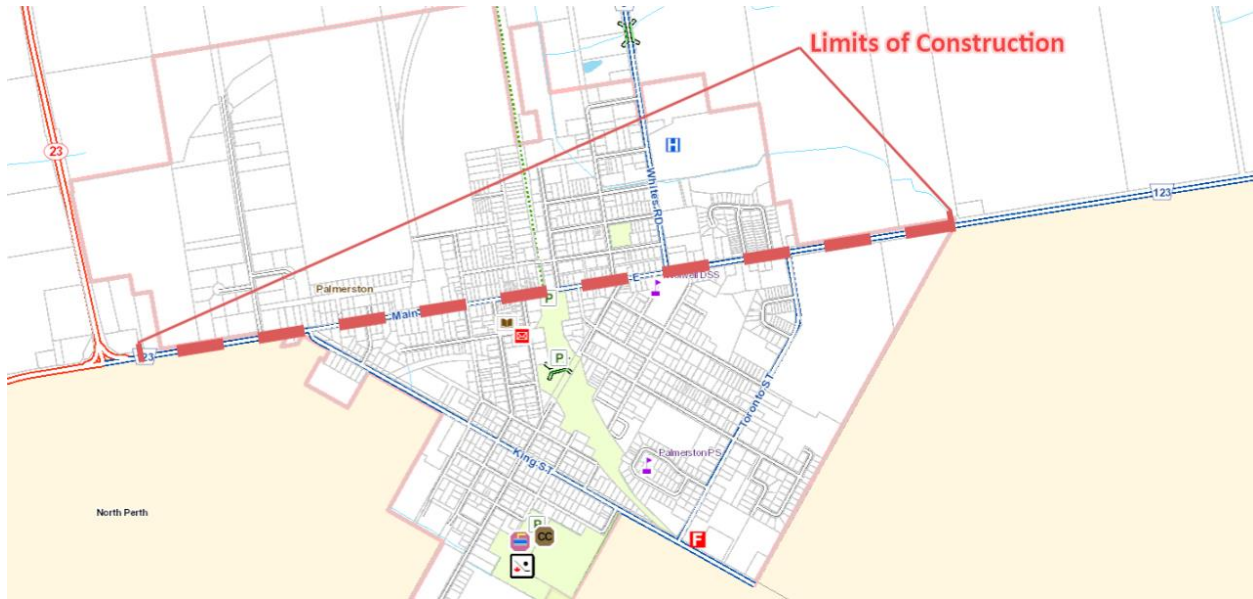
THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report PW 2024-023 Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund Application, prepared by the Roads and Drainage Manager, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto approves and endorses the submission of a joint grant funding application with the County of Wellington for the Reconstruction of Wellington Rd 123 (Main St, Palmerston) project under the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF).

**BACKGROUND:**

During the recent AMO conference held in Ottawa, the Province of Ontario announced various funding streams available for application submissions with deadlines in October and November. The primary emphasis of these funding streams is directly related to infrastructure to promote growth of new housing. The Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) is an application-based program. Projects funded through the program will aim to protect communities by investing in the development, repair, rehabilitation and expansion of core water, wastewater, and stormwater projects to promote growth and enable housing.

This report seeks Council’s endorsement to submit a joint application with the County of Wellington to the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) for the reconstruction of Wellington Road 123 (Main St), Palmerston, within the town limits.



**COMMENTS:**

County and Minto staff have considered various project options for the funding streams available with both parties agreeing that the reconstruction of Wellington Road 123 (Main St) is the most eligible for the application, meeting the criteria and the deadlines provided by the Province. Joint projects between multiple eligible applicants are encouraged. As part of the application assessment, additional consideration will be given to joint projects that optimize housing enabling outcomes.

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, County Council approved and endorsed the joint HEWSF application for this project.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Province would fund a maximum of 73% (up to \$35 million) of the eligible project costs with the municipality required to fund all remaining eligible project costs.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Goal #5: Responsible Government:

5.3 (i): Lobby upper levels of government for sustainable funding for infrastructure, housing, and social services.

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**RECOMMENDED BY:** Gregg Furtney, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)