



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: June 1, 2017

REPORT TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Gordon Duff, Treasurer

SUBJECT: Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) Transfer
Payment Agreement

STRATEGIC PLAN:

- 5.1 Actively seek out Federal and Provincial grants and revenue-sharing programs, and promote sustainable and equitable funding programs that require a minimal amount of reporting and promote local autonomy.
- 5.3 Ensure financial plans to include a blend of capital financing methods including long-term debt, user fees, grants, internal reserves and taxation, and maintain reserves to the point where Minto reduces reliance on borrowing or tax increases to finance major capital expenditures.

BACKGROUND

In the fall of 2016, the Town of Minto submitted an application under the CWWF program for the reconstruction of water and sanitary sewer services on George Street in Harriston from Arthur Street to Young Street. Certain other improvements to the road and sidewalks were incorporated into the budget for this project. The CWWF has a unique structure. The application form is quite short and the amount of funding is known. The Federal government contributes fifty per cent of eligible expenditures and the Province of Ontario contributes twenty-five per cent. The local municipality funds the remaining twenty-five per cent plus any ineligible costs.

COMMENTS

At the October 4, 2016 Council meeting, the George Street project was selected as Minto's priority project. The details from the September 29, 2016 report are shown below:

George Street South Water and Sewer

The project involves reconstructing George Street with new water, sewer, storm sewer and

upgrades to improve system function and address inflow and infiltration concerns. It coincides with reconstruction of George Street North in front of the Harriston Senior School. Total project cost is estimated at \$1,225,000. As this is infrastructure replacement a Class EA is not required.



The Transfer Agreement contains a requirement that the works be completed by March 31, 2018. This may prove a challenge from a practical point of view. The tender for this project was posted June 1, 2017 with a submission deadline of June 15, 2017. It is hoped that a qualifying bid will be presented to Council at the June 20, 2017 meeting. There is a provision to request an extension to March 31, 2019 and staff recommends that this extension be requested in order to have sufficient time for the final coat of asphalt to be applied and to complete any work which may be unfinished at the conclusion of the 2017 construction season.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The budgeted cost for the total project is \$1,430,000. The federal component of the funding is \$498,740, and the Provincial share is \$249,370. In the 2017 Minto Capital Budget, \$250,000 will be funded by debenture, with the remaining expenditures to be funded from reserves, current taxes and user fees.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the June 1, 2017 report from the Treasurer and a by-law authorizing signing of the Transfer Payment Agreement be considered in open session.

Gordon Duff, Treasurer