

**CANADA-ONTARIO MUNICIPAL RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (COMRIF)
INTAKE THREE APPLICATION APPROVAL – BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Engineering & Public Works in consultation with the Manager of Capital and Supervisor, Infrastructure Management recommend:

1. THAT the information contained in this report with respect to the COMRIF program be received,
2. THAT staff be authorized to submit an application to the COMRIF program for Bridge Rehabilitation at the following locations: 008601 - Humber Bridge Trail Bridge, 178401 - Baldwin Avenue Culvert and 185601 – Peelar Road Culvert for an amount up to \$2,089,000 requesting 2/3 funding from the Governments of Canada and Ontario in the combined amount of \$1,392,667 for a net cost to the City of \$696,333,
3. THAT the total funding requirement of \$2,089,000 be included in the 2007 capital budget deliberations process and funded from Long Term Debt contingent on COMRIF funding approval,
4. THAT for the purposes of the COMRIF application, Council endorse Bridge Rehabilitation at the following locations: 008601 - Humber Bridge Trail Bridge, 178401 - Baldwin Avenue Culvert and 185601 – Peelar Road Culvert as the Municipality's highest priority and,
5. THAT the appropriate staff be authorized to submit the application and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary agreements.

Economic Impact

An economic savings in the amount of \$1,392,667 will be realized if the COMRIF application is approved. This would reduce the long term debt funding required plus the repayment interest required to implement this project.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information pertaining to Intake Three of the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF) program and seek Council authorization to submit an application to COMRIF to meet the September 13th, 2006 deadline.

Background & Analysis

On November 15, 2004, the \$900 million COMRIF program was launched to improve and renew public infrastructure across the province. COMRIF targets the infrastructure needs of small urban and rural communities with a population of less than 250,000 people.

The City of Vaughan has submitted applications entitled "Watermain Replacements – Various Locations" in the amount of \$9,516,000 for the Intake One deadline of January 10, 2005 and "Greening Vaughan (Phase 2) – Green Bin Organics Collection" in the amount of \$2,435,950 for the Intake Two deadline of September 30, 2006. The COMRIF funding announcements for both Intake One and Intake Two did not include funding for the City of Vaughan applications.

Intake Three was announced on June 20, 2006 and staff are seeking approval to submit an application entitled "**Bridge Rehabilitation – Various Locations**" in the amount of \$2,089,000. A maximum of three bridges per application will be accepted.

The priorities for COMRIF Intake Three are the same as Intake One and Two: local bridges, local roads, solid waste management, water and wastewater. The application deadline is September 13th, 2006 and is comprised of four requirements:

- (1) application form and business case
- (2) appropriate Intake Three technical schedules
- (3) mandatory questionnaire on federal and provincial policy directions
- (4) certified true copy of a municipal council resolution endorsing the project for Intake Three

The structures noted for the purpose of this application have the lowest Bridge Sufficiency Index (BSI). The Bridge Sufficiency Index is a rating out of 100 that comprises the physical condition of the structure and also traffic, economic, width and profile factors. The following identifies the proposed locations, treatment required and proposed project costs:

ID	Name	Treatment Required	Cost	BSI Rating
178401	Baldwin Avenue Culvert	Recast Box Culvert	\$ 433,000	25
185601	Peelar Road Culvert	Recast Box Culvert	\$ 856,000	43
008601	Humber Bridge Trail Bridge	Recast I-Beam	\$ 800,000	59

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

COMRIF and this report are consistent with the Vaughan Vision Statement “promotes a safe, livable and sustainable environment” and through the enhancement of non-tax revenues by evaluating and increasing grants and subsidies available from external agencies.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources will be included in the 2007 capital budget for deliberation and approval.

Conclusion

(iii) Intake Three of the COMRIF program provides Vaughan with the opportunity to increase grants and subsidies from the Provincial and Federal Governments. By providing authorization to submit an application for “**Bridge Rehabilitation – Various Locations**”, and if approved, a funding savings of up to \$1,392,667 will be realized. In order to meet all application criteria, Council must endorse this project as the Municipality’s highest priority at this time.

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