

<b>To:</b>	Warden Halliday and Members of Grey County Council
<b>Committee Date:</b>	April 26, 2018
<b>Subject / Report No:</b>	CAOR-CW-10-2018
<b>Title:</b>	Regional Forum RED Agreement
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<b>Lower Tier(s) Affected:</b>	All Grey County
<b>Status:</b>	Recommendation adopted as presented by Committee of the Whole per Resolution CW116-18; Endorsed by County Council on May 10, 2018.

## Recommendation

1. That Committee Report CAOR-CW-10-18 titled Regional Forum Rural Economic Development (RED) Agreement be received; and
2. That a by-law be prepared to authorize the Warden and Clerk to execute the Rural Economic Development Fund Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs.

## Executive Summary

Grey County received conditional approval for the project “Regional Forum: Rural Newcomer Integration” under the Rural Economic Development Program. In order to complete the process for funding, a by-law is required to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs.

## Background and Discussion

On December 1, 2017 staff submitted an application to the Rural Economic Development program for a targeted workforce development initiative, “Regional Forum: Rural Newcomer Integration”. Grey County submitted the application as lead with tremendous support from regional partners in both public and private sectors.

Core partners for the project include, Grey, Huron and Wellington Counties, University of Guelph, Rural Ontario Institute and Four County Labour Market Planning Board. Additional advisory partners include, Peel Centre for Newcomers, Canadian Mortgage and Housing

Corporation, University of Winnipeg, General Coach Canada and Ontario Co-Operative Association.

This project supports workforce development to create practical, actionable strategies for rural municipalities and businesses with newcomer attraction, retention and integration activities.

This project will deliver:

- Regional Forum: Rural Newcomer Integration
- White Paper

With the support of:

- Regional Advisory Committee
- Environmental Scan and Documentation of Case Studies

The project timeline is slated for one year commencing April 2018 and finishing March 31, 2019 with the Regional Forum hosted in Grey County the fall of 2018 and white paper published by March 2019.

## Legal and Legislated Requirements

In order to complete the funding approval, a by-law is required authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province.

Though Grey County permitted to bring this report to open session, we are not permitted to issue a press release or provide statements or comments to the media until an announcement is scheduled by the Ministry.

## Financial and Resource Implications

The project is budgeted at \$30,000. Grey County, Huron County and Perth County will contribute \$5000 each which is matched by the RED program. The \$5000 commitment from Grey County was included in the 2018 budget.

Staff time required to complete the project was incorporated in the 2018 work plan.

## Relevant Consultation

Internal – Chief Administrative Officer, Clerk, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator, Emergency Systems Coordinator/Claims Supervisor

External – Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs Project Analyst

## Appendices and Attachments

[Rural Economic Development Program Transfer Payment Agreement](#)