

## Report TR-TAPS-60-15

**To:** Chair Barfoot and Members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee  
**From:** M.J. Kelly, Director of Transportation Services  
**Meeting Date:** July 23, 2015  
**Subject:** Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program  
**Status:** Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution TAPS105-15; Endorsed by County Council August 4, 2015 per Resolution CC112-15;

### Recommendation(s)

**WHEREAS the Ontario Government has established a \$10 million Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program (OMCIP);**

**AND WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are eligible to apply once for OMCIP funds up to 50% of the total eligible project cost of a cycling infrastructure project, with a maximum contribution of \$325,000;**

**AND WHEREAS municipalities must submit an expression of interest (EOI) application to the Ministry of Transportation by August 6, 2015 at 5:00 pm;**

**AND WHEREAS the criteria specify that the project must be completed by March 31, 2018;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey County is a popular destination for cyclists and additional cycling facilities would enhance the experience;**

**AND WHEREAS the Transportation Services Department has identified several road construction projects on the five year capital program prior to March 31, 2018 that meet the current requirements for paved shoulders;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-60-15 regarding the OMCIP be received;**

**AND THAT the Transportation Service Department shall submit an expression of interest (EOI) to apply for funding to construct paved shoulders on the following Construction Projects:**

- Grey Road 18 from Grey Road 5 to King's Highway 21 (\$170,000)
- Grey Road 17 from Grey Road 17B to Girl Guide Road (\$75,000)

- **Grey Road 17 from 1.9 kilometres south of Wolseley to King's Highway 6 (\$400,000)**

## Background

The Province of Ontario is investing \$10 million over two years, 2016 and 2017, to help municipalities build new or improve existing cycling infrastructure. This investment is being made through the OMCIP – a cost-shared, application-based funding program.

Through the OMCIP, the Province is providing funding to the municipalities to build and improve cycling infrastructure so that:

- Local cycling networks are expanded and better connected with each other and to common trip origins and destinations, such as schools, workplaces and shopping areas.
- Safety is promoted by using context-appropriate design and addressing safety issues.
- Cycling is better recognized as a viable mode of transportation.
- More recreational cycling options and connections to a future provincial cycling network are created to promote active living and economic development through tourism.
- Innovation in cycling infrastructure is encouraged.
- Research is conducted on cycling infrastructure that can be used to inform decision making in communities throughout Ontario.
- Broader community support for cycling is achieved through the expansion of the cycling network, increased ridership, and financial and other partnerships.

Under the OMCIP, each municipality is eligible to apply once for OMCIP Funds for up to 50% of the total Eligible Project Costs of a cycling infrastructure project. The maximum amount of OMCIP Funds for any given Applicant will be \$325,000.

Funding is available for new cycling infrastructure as well as for enhancements to existing cycling infrastructure.

The OMCIP includes a two-stage application process involving the submission of an EOI and, for those municipalities that are shortlisted, an Application. One EOI is permitted per municipality. The Ministry of Transportation expects to hold a single intake for the two-year OMCIP.

### *Key Dates:*

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Invitation to submit EOI	July 3, 2015
EOI Deadline	August 6, 2015
Invitation to submit Applications	September 2015
Application Deadline	October 2015

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Anticipated announcement of Recipients	December 2015

### *Potential Projects*

The Transportation Services Department has the following capital construction projects in the five year program. Each one of these projects meets the current Grey County requirements for paved shoulders. The anticipated cost to pave the shoulders is identified in brackets.

- Grey Road 18 from Grey Road 5 to King’s Highway 21 (\$170,000)
- Grey Road 17 from Grey Road 17B to Girl Guide Road (\$75,000)
- Grey Road 17 from 1.9 kilometers south of Wolseley to King’s Highway 6 (\$400,000)

### Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology Considerations

The successful application would result in an overall savings to the County of \$325,000 to paved shoulders to accommodate cycling. In addition, this could promote additional cycling and enhance the overall safety of the County road network.

### Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

6.6 Explore new sources of revenue to offset service and program costs.

Respectfully submitted by,

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 Director of Transportation Services