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Date: July 24, 2017
To: Mayor and Council
Author: Kevin Girard, Manager of Municipal Services
RE: Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program
Report No.: MS 2017-35

AIM

To obtain Council's authorization to apply for the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program (OMCC Program).

BACKGROUND

OMCC is a multi-year program with \$42.5M available in the first year. Funding for future years will be determined based on availability of cap and trade proceeds. All Ontario municipalities are eligible for annual OMCC funding to support up to 80% of costs associated with their implementation of eligible commuter cycling projects.

OMCC is supported by proceeds from Ontario's cap and trade program. The purpose of this program is to provide direct, dedicated, annual funding to Ontario municipalities to support the implementation of commuter cycling infrastructure to encourage people to get out of their cars and onto bikes for their daily commute or other frequent trips.

DISCUSSION

All Ontario municipalities are eligible for OMCC funding. Municipalities must declare their commitment to participate in OMCC annually. A municipality can choose to participate in OMCC in any or all of the program years. A decision to participate or not participate in any given year of the program will neither oblige nor prevent a municipality from participating in future years.

In addition, municipalities must also declare their interest in participating in the program each year, identify their eligible projects annually, and confirm that they will be able to fund at least 20% of each project's cost.

The priority projects in line with the Town's Active Transportation Master Plan that have been selected by Municipal Services to improve commuter cycling are as follows:

Segment	From	To
County Road 50	County Road 23	Sycamore
County Road 20	Dimenna	Chrysler Greenway
Road 3	County Road 29	Jack Miner Conservatory
Road 3	County Road 31	130m West of County Road 31 (Greenway)

Municipal Services is currently conducting pedestrian traffic counts in accordance with the program to show the Province that the roads listed in the above list do in fact improve commuter cycling.

The Program Guide for the OMCC Program is attached along with the application declaration.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Provide safe, adequate and affordable municipal services and infrastructure.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This funding opportunity provides annual OMCC funding to support up to 80% of cost towards eligible projects. Therefore, a cost of 20% is required to be contributed by the Town for eligible projects.

CONSULTATIONS

Municipal Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the application for the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the 2017 Application Declaration for the OMCC Program

Respectfully Submitted,

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