

Staff Report

Report From: Jessica Clapp, Asset Management / Environmental Services Manager

Meeting Date: November 6, 2023

Subject: Green Municipal Fund Community Buildings Retrofit – Feasibility Study

Recommendation:

THAT Goderich Town Council receive this report for information;

AND THAT Goderich Town Council authorize staff to prepare and submit an application to the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Community Buildings Retrofit Initiative, Feasibility Study stream, offered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), to integrate energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions into long-term plans for managing community buildings.

Report Summary:

Staff are requesting Council's authorization to file a grant application through the Green Municipal Fund Community Buildings Retrofit Initiative, Feasibility Study stream, to integrate energy and greenhouse gas reductions into long-term plans for managing community buildings.

Background/Analysis:

Through FCM's Green Municipal Fund, the Community Buildings Retrofit (CBR) Initiative helps to optimize the energy performance and reduce greenhouse gas emissions of community buildings owned by municipalities, resulting in significant environmental, economic, and social benefits for their communities.

The CBR Feasibility Study provides funding up to 80% of eligible costs, including up to \$65,000 for a single building application and up to \$200,000 for an application that includes a portfolio of buildings. Completion of a feasibility study will enable the municipality to identify a sequence of greenhouse gas reduction measures to reduce emissions by at least 50% within 10 years and by at least 80% (i.e., near net-zero greenhouse gas emissions) within 20 years. Additionally, the study will consider unique objectives and constraints (e.g., building use, capital budgets, equipment renewal cycles, etc.). To capture the greatest greenhouse gas reduction potential, the Town of Goderich's application would include a feasibility study for the Maitland Recreation Centre and Pollution Control Plant.

Applications are accepted year-round until all annual funds are allocated. New applicants are then deferred to April 1 of the following fiscal year. It should be noted, in order to submit future

capital projects through the GMF Community Buildings Retrofit Initiative, an eligibility requirement is for the capital project to be supported by a previously completed feasibility study.

It is recommended that Goderich Town Council authorize staff to prepare and submit an application to the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Community Buildings Retrofit Initiative, Feasibility Study stream, for the Maitland Recreation Centre and Pollution Control Plant. If approved, the remaining cost not covered by the grant would be funded by the Energy Efficiency Reserve.

Linkages:

Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #5: Environmental Stewardship

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

No financial impact associated with this report at this time.

Reviewed By: Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk