



## The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

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<b>Directed To:</b>	Mayor and Members of Council	<b>Attachments:</b>	
<b>Department:</b>	Finance		
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<b>Subject:</b>	OCIF Top-Up Grant Application		

### **Recommendation:**

That Council approve the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Top-Up grant application.

### **Report:**

The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) is an annual grant made available to various Municipalities in Ontario. There is a formula based component and an application based component. Under the application based component, Municipalities can apply for roads, bridge, water and wastewater projects that address a health and safety problem within the Municipality. The Town is eligible to apply for maximum funding of \$791,007 that will fund a maximum of 80% of the proposed project cost.

A high priority project in LaSalle that fits the required criteria is improvements along Morton Drive. This project would consist of enclosing existing ditches with storm sewers and adding a 3-meter-wide pathway on the south side, adding a sidewalk on the north side, reconstructing the Morton Branch Drain of Turkey Creek Crossing, milling and paving, and replacing the existing watermain.

By enclosing the drain along Morton Drive and constructing a 3.5 m wide pathway (south side) and 1.5 m wide sidewalk (north side), this will allow pedestrians to walk, cycle, and use wheelchairs along Morton Drive without interfering with traffic. This will increase the safety of pedestrians walking and cycling in the neighbourhood. Replacing the existing watermain will eliminate watermain breaks and reduce the risk of ice forming on Morton Drive from watermain breaks during the winter months. Reconstructing the Morton Branch Drain will prevent future flooding incidents as water will be able to flow into Turkey Creek without interruption.

The total estimated cost of this proposed project is \$2,300,000. If the grant application is successful, \$790,000 will be funded from the OCIF fund, \$600,000 will be funded from the Town's water reserve, and the remaining balance will be funded from the Town's sidewalk, pathway and trail reserve and Federal gas tax reserve.

Yours truly,

  
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