The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Mayor and Members of Council

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Department: Finance

Date of Report: November 1, 2024

Report Number: FIN-29-2024

Subject: Application Based Funding and Grant Update

Recommendation

That the report of the Manager of Finance/Deputy Treasurer dated November 1, 2024 (FIN-29-2024) regarding Application Based Funding and Grant Update be received.

Report

As a municipality, the Town of LaSalle funds operations through various sources of revenue. Property taxation, Water and Wastewater user fees and departmental user fees are the predominant sources of revenue for the Town. Additionally, the Town receives allocation-based funding from upper levels of government through programs such as Ontario Communities Infrastructure Fund and the Canada Community Building Fund.

As outlined in the 2025 Budget Presentation, the Town of LaSalle receives significantly less allocation-based funding from upper levels of government in comparison to our regional neighbours. In 2024, LaSalle received $2.95 million of allocation-based funding which is 35% less than the average received within the County of Essex.

This reduced level of funding places additional pressure on the Town's municipal tax levy, accordingly administration places a significant effort in identifying and applying to application-based grants that are available to the municipality. The Town has been quite successful in its application-based grant initiatives over the past few years, although in early 2024 the Town has had slightly less success with these applications. However, the second half of 2024 has seen the release of several grant opportunities, and the Town is awaiting the results of several high value grant applications.

Outlined below is a listing of grants the Town has applied for since January 2023 and the outcome of each application including the funding amount awarded.

Funding Agency	Program Name	Town of LaSalle Project	Funding Amount Requested	Outcome
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs	Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant	Event Centre Garden and Landscaping	$42,210	Successful
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport	Experience Ontario	Exhibit: Sean Kenney's Animal Super Powers Made with LEGO	$125,000	Not Successful
Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada	Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada Grant	Paratech Extrication Kit including Stabilization Struts, Airbags & Accessories	$31,380	Successful
Canadian Urban Institute & EDC of Ontario	My Main Street Community Activator	Multi Use Trail Warming Station and Fire Pits	$190,000	Not Successful
Employment and Social Development Canada	Summer Experience Program/ Canada Summer Jobs	Create meaningful summer employment opportunities for students	$58,950	Successful
Emergency Management Ontario	Community Emergency Preparedness Grant	Emergency Operations supplies, Rapid Deployment Craft & Structure	$35,000	Not Successful
Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility	Senior Active Living Centres Program Expansion	Aging well in LaSalle	$46,100	Not Successful
Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario	Tourism Growth Program	Multi-Use Trail	$250,000	Not Successful
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Ministry of Infrastructure	Housing Enabling Water System Fund	Howard Bouffard Planning District	$35,000,000	Not Successful
Ministry of the Solicitor General	Fire Protection Grant	Gear Extractor	$14,250	Pending
Ministry of Infrastructure	Housing – Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) Intake II	Stormwater – Howard Bouffard Planning District Servicing Project	$22,424,700	Pending
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and Ministry of Sport	Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund, Stream 1	HVAC equipment replacement and roof rehabilitation at the Vollmer Culture and Recreation Complex	$937,500	Pending
Ministry of Infrastructure	Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program: Housing Enabling Core Servicing Stream	Reconstruction and Expansion of Malden Road	$17,375,000	Pending
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	Invasive Phragmites Control Fund	Phragmites	$3,800	Successful
Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility	Senior Active Living Centres Program Expansion	LaSalle Senior Active Living	$50,000	Pending
Emergency Management Ontario	Community Emergency Preparedness Grant	Flood Preparedness, Command Structure and Rapid Deployment Craft	$41,440	Pending
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Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and Ministry of Sport	Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund, Stream 2- New Builds	New Builds/Signature New Builds for the construction of a gymnasium, fitness centre and outdoor pickleball courts.	Amount Pending	Application in progress

As outlined within the table the Town of LaSalle has had a moderate level of success over the past two years and is awaiting the outcome of a number of large grant applications. While the Finance department coordinates application-based grants, all Town departments work collaboratively on the applications.

Consultations

Not applicable

Financial Implications

Application based grants represent an additional source of revenue/funding for the Town, reducing budget and municipal tax levy pressures.

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Link to Strategic Goals

1. Enhancing organizational excellence - Not Applicable
2. Strengthen the community's engagement with the Town - Not Applicable
3. Grow and diversify the local economy - Not Applicable
4. Build on our high-quality of life - Not Applicable
5. Sustaining strong public services and infrastructure - Yes

Communications

Not Applicable

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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