



## **The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**Prepared by:** Dale Langlois, Director of Finance and Treasurer

**Department:** Finance

**Date of Report:** August 2, 2019

**Report Number:** FIN-22-2019

**Subject:** Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Grant Application

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### **Recommendation**

That the report of the Director of Finance dated August 2, 2019 (FIN-22-2019) regarding the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Grant Application BE RECEIVED.

### **Report**

#### **Background**

As Council is aware, the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) is a \$2 billion national program administered by the Federal government and cost-shared with recipients. Funding is intended to strengthen climate resilience through investments in large-scale public infrastructure projects including natural infrastructure. The minimum total project cost that can be applied for is \$20 million, of which a maximum of 40% will be funded from the DMAF grant and 60% will be funded by other Municipal funding sources. In mid-July, the Town was notified by the Ministry of Infrastructure, that the Federal government will now accept applications under the DMAF for areas of the Province impacted by flooding in Spring 2019 through a limited expedited intake. The grant application was due on August 1, 2019 and submitted by the Town on July 31, 2019.

#### **LaSalle's Application**

The record high water level of the Detroit River is creating flooding issues along Front Road as the current gravity fed storm water outlets are backed up with nowhere for the storm water to drain. As a result, the Town has applied for funding through the DMAF to disconnect the gravity fed outlets and install various storm water pump stations along Front Road from Turkey Creek to Marentette Drain. This portion of the project will

essentially pump water out of the storm sewer system into the Detroit River and prevent water from the river flowing back into the storm sewer system through the disconnected outlets. In addition, a new sanitary bypass pump station was included in this application to mitigate the risk of future water levels reaching a point that could block the sanitary overflow outlet. This portion of the project will reduce the risk of sanitary sewer backup throughout the Town.

If the Town is successful in receiving this grant, the project must be fully complete by March 31, 2028.

As this was an expedited intake, there was only a few weeks to determine which project to apply for and determine an estimated cost. If the Town is successful with this application, there are several steps that will have to occur before construction occurs on this project. This includes, design, planning, engineering, and land purchase. However, administration feels that this project can be complete within the nine-year timeframe of this grant.

## **Consultations**

None

## **Financial Implications**

The total estimated cost of this proposed project amounts to \$37,100,000. If the Town is successful, a maximum of \$14,840,000 (40%) will be funded from DMAF and the remaining \$22,260,000 (60%) will be funded from Town sources.

The Town's portion of \$22,260,000 will be funded from various sources including development charges, internal capital reserves and debt issuance. If the application is successful, a future report will come to Council with a more detailed financial plan.

## **Prepared By:**



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**Link to Strategic Priorities**

	Expanding and diversifying our assessment base
	Effectively communicating the activities and interests of the Town
Yes	Managing our human and financial resources in a responsible manner
	Promoting and marketing LaSalle
	Promote a healthy and environmentally conscious community

**Communications**

	Not applicable
	Website
	Social Media
	News Release
	Local Newspaper
	Bids & Tenders
	Notification pursuant to the Planning Act

**Notifications**

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**Report Approval Details**

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

  
Chief Administrative Officer

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**Chief Administrative Officer**