



The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

July 28, 2020

VIA EMAIL

To: All Ontario Municipalities

RE: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Grant

At its meeting of July 13th, 2020, Council passed the following resolution for your consideration:

That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence in support of the Town of Renfrew's resolution regarding their request to fast track investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Grant Applications.

Enclosed is a copy of the Town of Renfrew's resolution for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RENFREW

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 06 - 44

Moved By: Reeve Emon
Seconded By: Councillor Jamieson

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic crisis has had a catastrophic affect on employment and small business survival rates, with over 11.3% jobless rate in Ontario in April 2020 alone with only a few signs of a change over the next several fiscal periods;

AND WHEREAS the Renfrew County region is already at a distinct economic disadvantage due to a shorter infrastructure construction season and the lack of essential services, like effective and available broadband across its vast and rural area that would allow for greater flexibility to work from home, or telecommute;

AND WHEREAS the County of Renfrew and the other 19 municipalities and first nations reserves within the geographical borders have an incredible influence on the economy through investments in infrastructure spending, with over \$70million being invested in 2020 in municipal projects, but will now have to evaluate and adjust the way they safely operate and offer community services and modes of transportation;

AND WHEREAS the County of Renfrew and the other 19 municipalities and first nations reserves have submitted over \$73.5 million worth of applications to the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream*, with all considered shovel ready and shovel worthy;

AND WHEREAS the County of Renfrew and the other 19 municipalities and first nations reserves have submitted previously over \$25million in the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Green Stream* and *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Rural & Northern Stream*;

AND WHEREAS both large and small infrastructure projects have the immediate effect on local small and medium businesses in our region with consideration of the multiplier ratio on every \$1million invested having the ability to create 7.6 jobs in the local marketplace, meaning that approval of these projects would create over 1,200 jobs across Renfrew County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Renfrew calls upon the Governments of Ontario and Canada to fast track the review of current and previous *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program* grant applications in order to provide much needed employment and investment into rural Ontario to provide sustainable infrastructure that will be safe and suitable in a post-pandemic setting;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; MP Cheryl Gallant, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; the Minister of Infrastructure; the Association of Municipalities Ontario; Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

- CARRIED -

I, Jennifer Charkavi, Deputy Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew, do hereby certify this to be a true and complete copy of Resolution No. 2020 - 06 - 44, passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew at its meeting held the 23rd day of June 2020.

DATED at Renfrew, Ontario
this 24th day of June 2020.

Jennifer Charkavi

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