

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Report TR 25-2024

Council Meeting Date: December 3, 2024

TO: Mayor Cook and Members of Council
FROM: Janet Ferguson, Director of Financial Services
RE: FCM GMF Grant and Loan – Administration Office

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report TR 25-2024 regarding the FCM GMF Grant and Loan for the Administration Office be received; and

THAT the additional funds be allocated from the 2024 Operating Budget; and

THAT the By-Law 92-2024 be approved.

SUMMARY

This report provides an update for Council on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund (GMF) grant and loan program used to fund/finance the new administration office and Council Chamber.

BACKGROUND

Lambton Shores was successful with an application to FCM for the GMF; which is a combination of a grant and loan program for the new administration office and Council Chamber as a net zero facility.

During the implementation of the project staff worked with FCM staff and updated the project costs and funding agreements. Staff have also completed the required audit and reporting components of the program. FCM has prepared the pertinent schedules for the borrowing by-law (92-2024) execution and it is included in the by-law section of the agenda.

The project costs have increased slightly since the estimate reported in TR-14-2023 due to an increase in the audit fee, security system and a couple items that were not eligible for funding. The project summary is:

Total Project Costs \$6,643,263.15

FCM / GMF Grant \$ 686,480.00

FCM Loan \$4,576,570.00

Allocated from RF's	\$1,309,810.56
MMAH fund	\$ 39,904.09
Operating	<u>\$ 33,498.50</u>
	\$6,643,263.15

Staff are recommending that additional funds be allocated from the 2024 Operating Budget as there was no debt repayment amount required although budgeted.

The loan with FCM has the borrowing rate established on November 26th of 4.90%. The repayment schedule is semiannually at a blended principal and interest amount of \$146,381.61 or an annual allocation of \$292,762.61.

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

None

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Staff are recommending the additional funds required be allocated from the 2024 Operating Budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

In anticipation of finalizing this project, the 2024 budget did include a partial repayment amount of \$160,163.00. This is sufficient to cover the balance of \$33,498.50 required.

The effect on the 2025 budget will be an increase of \$132,600.00 compared to the allocation in the 2024 budget.

CONSULTATION

FCM