



TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICIP)

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That staff in the Transit and Parking Strategy Department, subject to approval by the Executive Director of Access Barrie and the Chief Administrative Officer, be given delegated authority to submit all capital projects deemed appropriate from the Transit Asset Management Plan, including the Allandale Hub, as well as projects from City's annual capital plan which are relevant for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to maximize potential provincial and federal funding.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. The purpose of this report is to provide Council with additional information on the ICIP program and to seek endorsement to submit ICIP funding applications for projects included in the Transit Asset Management Plan (TPS003-19).

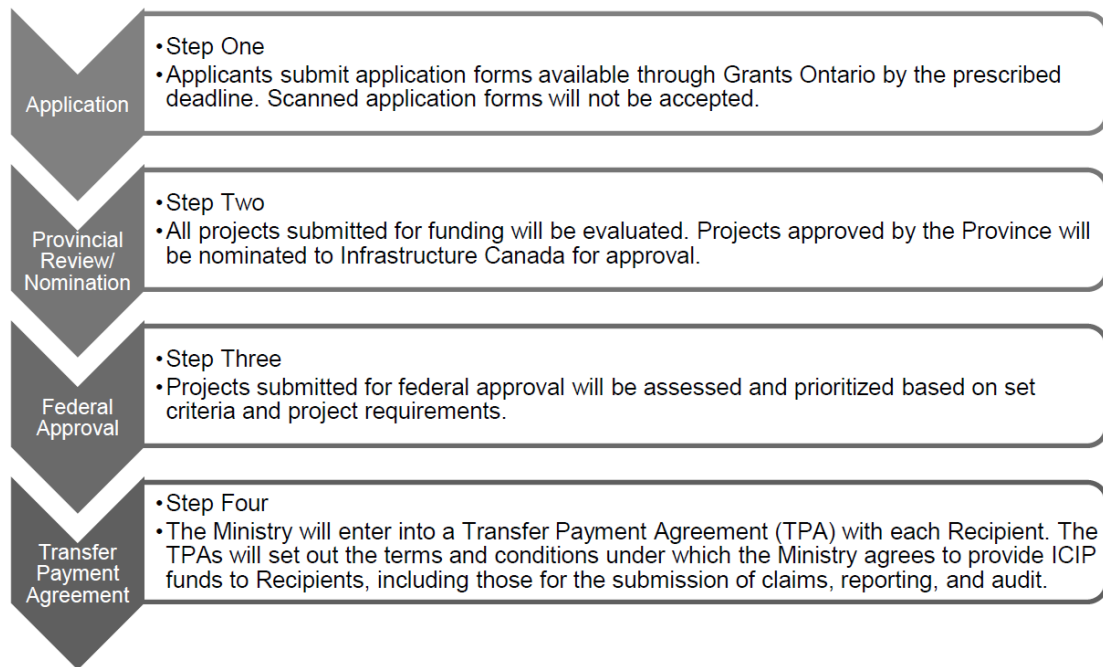
ANALYSIS

3. On Tuesday April 2nd 2019, the governments of Canada and Ontario released details regarding the public transit funding stream of the larger Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). The purpose of the public transit funding is to build new urban transit networks and service extensions that will transform the way that Canadians live, move and work. This stream will fund construction, expansion and improvement of public transit networks.
4. The ICIP program has replaced the previous version of transit funding known as the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) and is governed by the Integrated Bilateral Agreement for Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario that was signed on March 26, 2018(the "Bilateral Agreement").

5. The City of Barrie has been allocated funding from both the provincial and federal governments to invest towards total project costs of \$58,544,870 to be substantially complete by March 31, 2027. Municipalities will need to submit individual applications on each project for approval by the provincial and federal governments. Details of the funding from the various levels of government is listed in the table below and was allocated to municipalities based on 2015 ridership data.

	Federal Allocation	Provincial Allocation	Estimated Municipal Cost-Match	Total
Contribution Percentage (%)	40.00	33.33	26.67	100.00
Total Dollar Amount Available (\$)	23,417,948	19,513,005	15,613,917	58,544,870

6. A summary of some highlights of the ICIP program are noted below:
- a) Funding is provided for capital investments, where projects should align with at least one of the following transit improvement outcomes:
 - i) Improved capacity of public transit infrastructure
 - ii) Improved quality and/or safety of existing or future transit systems
 - iii) Improved access to a public transit system
 - b) Projects must be substantially complete by March 31, 2027.
 - c) Projects should be informed by an applicants' asset management plan.
 - d) Funding received under this Agreement cannot displace municipal spending on public transit. For clarification, if a project and its funding is already approved by Council, the project would be ineligible to receive funding under this program.
 - e) Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit projects that connect new or expanded public transit systems to existing regional networks.
 - f) Projects will be submitted through an application process with the deadline for the first program intake by Tuesday May 28th 2019. Currently, the program references multiple intakes, however no timelines/dates are provided as to when the next intake will open.
7. One of the main commitments under the Bilateral Agreement is that funding received under this Agreement cannot displace municipal spending on public transit. Clarification from the provincial government has been provided, and it is understood that if a project and corresponding funding has previously been approved at a municipal level than the project would be ineligible to received ICIP funding.
8. Details of the approval process are provided in the diagram below. The timelines associated with the funding approval as part of the first intake are unknown at this time, however initial feedback from the provincial government is that this process will take at least a few months to complete.



9. A council resolution is not required to submit applications for projects but the Transit Asset Management plan as the guiding document will be strongly regarded as part of the City's submission. Council supporting the motion within this Staff report TPS004-19 will help to strengthen the business case when the provincial and federal governments assess the requested projects.
10. As the ICIP program states applications should be informed by the municipality's Asset Management Plan, therefore the adoption of the Transit Asset Management Plan (TPS003-19) is important as it outlines the projected capital plan to 2041 and is a key requirement under the ICIP funding program.
11. The complete Transit Asset Management Plan can be reviewed under TPS003-19, while the table below is a summary of the anticipated projects to 2027 (aligning with the timelines of the ICIP funding program):

Description	Quantity	2020-2027
Capital Expenditures		
Fleet		
<i>Replacement and Rehabilitation</i>		
Conventional Fleet	36	18,674,483
Specialized Fleet	24	3,962,033
<i>Growth</i>		
Conventional Fleet	30	16,898,060
Specialized Fleet	8	1,313,208
Sub-total Fleet		40,847,784
Facilities		
Allandale Hub New Terminal		9,701,281
Transit Garage Expansion		16,526,908
Downtown Mini-Hub		300,155
Sub-total Facilities		26,528,344
On-Street Infrastructure		
Next Bus Outdoor Display		141,916
Heated Bus Shelter		1,377,571
Bike Racks		41,599
New Bus Stop Signs		86,166
Bus Shelters		244,519
Bus Pads		619,258
Sub-total On-Street Infrastructure		2,511,029
Technology		
Alternative Service Delivery Software		120,131
Dynamic Bus Bays		171,185
Alternative Payment Solution		535,613
Transit Signal Priority Bus/Intersection/Central Control		1,448,739
Sub-total Technology		2,275,668
Total Expenditures		72,162,825

12. As there is uncertainty on the next program intake, staff are planning to apply for a sizeable amount of the City's \$58M allotment within the first intake in order to maximize the federal and provincial funding commitment, as this will allow the City to develop a proactive funding plan for their long range capital plan.
13. Staff will be reporting back to Council as correspondence is received on the status of the City's submissions. If a project is unsuccessful as part of the first intake, municipalities will be allowed to re-apply for those projects in subsequent intakes.
14. As part of reporting back to Council following notification on the successful applications, staff will seek Council endorsement to execute Transfer Payment Agreements and corresponding funding approval for those projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

15. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

16. The following alternatives are available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1 General Committee could choose not to provide approval on the request to apply for ICIP funding.

This alternative is not recommended given Barrie's objective of responsible spending and acquiring funding from various levels of government.

FINANCIAL

17. There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report. However, upon receipt of ICIP funding application approvals, staff will report back to Council seeking authorization to execute the Transfer Payment Agreements and approval for the corresponding funding prior to project commencement.

LINKAGE TO 2018–2022 STRATEGIC PLAN

18. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan:
- ☒ Growing Our Economy
 - ☒ Offering Innovation and Citizen Driven Services
 - ☒ Improving the Ability to Get Around Barrie
19. The endorsement to apply for the ICIP program will provide the City of Barrie with funding that will allow Council to continue to reach their strategic priorities ensuring transit services can meet future service demands of residents as the City expands, grows, and changes.