

**City Council, Standing Committee and Commission
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Motion

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**Re: COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada
Infrastructure Program (ICIP)**

**Moved by / Motion de: Mayor J. Watson
Seconded by / Appuyée par: Councillor L. Dudas**

WHEREAS the Government of Canada created the new “COVID-19 Resilience” funding stream under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), to support, in partnership with provinces and territories, the pandemic response and economic recovery; and

WHEREAS in Ontario, the combined federal-provincial funding for this program is being delivered, in part, through an allocation-based Local Government Intake; and

WHEREAS investments under the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream are to support public infrastructure, defined as tangible capital assets, including temporary infrastructure related to pandemic response, primarily for public use and/or benefit; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa’s allocation from this program has been confirmed at \$20.1 million; and

WHEREAS through the City’s Economic Recovery Task Force, departments have been engaged to compile information on potential renewal and capital projects in anticipation of funding, including projects suggested by Councillors and those submitted through community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS some of the projects identified may require some up-front costs that will be required to ensure the projects are shovel-ready but that these up-front costs, if incurred prior to the finalization of the funding agreement with the Province, would not be eligible; and

WHEREAS there is a possibility of refinancing projects on the list that may already have some approved municipal funding, in addition to leveraging funding which was returned to City-Wide Capital from capital projects approved by Council for deferral intended to be used as a COVID-19 financial mitigation measure; and

WHEREAS in a Memo to Council “Background: ICIP – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (Local Government Intake)”, staff detailed how to optimize its cap of five project submissions for infrastructure investments that are reflective of the detailed eligibility requirements and constrained project delivery timelines while responding to vast and varying needs across the city; and

WHEREAS in order to address the City’s vast geography and wide spectrum of needs, the recommended list of projects has no single project in one location greater than \$5 million.

WHEREAS Attachment 1 of the memo lists the proposed projects, which include an investment of \$5 million toward a joint project to deliver a \$5.67 to \$6.5 million new youth services facility in the Heatherington community; \$750,000 toward a \$1.5 million expansion of the Beacon Hill North Community Centre; more than \$8.6 million in sidewalks/trails, multi-use pathways, pedestrian crossovers, wayfinding and picnic areas in parks; nearly \$5 million in building retrofits and upgrades like ventilation, air conditioning, energy-efficient lighting and windows, Wi-Fi and safety features, including at various shelters, community centres and sports facilities; and

WHEREAS Appendix 1 of this Motion includes an updated list of proposed projects for Wards 3 (Barrhaven), 13 (Rideau-Rockcliffe), 15 (Kitchissippi) and 17 (Capital), with different projects that meet the eligibility requirements and can be swapped out using the same funding envelope; and

WHEREAS a municipal by-law or Council resolution is required to execute the project level transfer payment agreements for successful projects and Council is not set to meet in advance of the January 7, 2021, application deadline; and

WHEREAS where a project that includes a partnership with a community organization outside of the City of Ottawa, an additional, specific municipal resolution to support the application is required;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council delegate the authority to the General Manager of Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development (GM of PIED) to:

1. Continue to detail and refine the project list found as Appendix 1 to this motion and make substitutions to that list as required, in the event that new information impacts a proposed project’s eligibility or deliverability, in consultation with Finance and Legal Services; and

2. To submit the application based on the final list for the Government of Canada's Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), on behalf of the City of Ottawa.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council direct the GM of PIED to inform Council, by way of memo, of the final list of projects and to continue to update Council on the status of the application and subsequent funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council authorize the GM of PIED to finalize a letter of agreement reflecting the City's partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa for a youth services facility on a leased portion of 1770 Heatherington Road prior to January 7, 2021 to comply with the program requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council authorize the GM of PIED to enter into lease agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa to the Finance and Economic Development Committee for Committee and Council approval no later than Q2 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in consideration of the short program timelines, that should any of the projects found in Appendix 1 be deemed ineligible by the Province for any reason, that the GM of PIED be authorized to substitute an application for a comparable project, provided that Council is notified by a memorandum within two weeks of the revised submission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council delegate authority to the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer to establish accounts and fund the design of submitted projects or any other upfront costs that would not be eligible for funding from the ICIP COVID-19 Resilience Stream by refinancing any projects on the list that include previously approved municipal funding, and fund from the City-Wide Capital Reserve any remaining funds required for these ineligible up-front costs up to \$2 million; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval from the Government of Canada, that Council delegate the authority to the GM of PIED to enter into the necessary agreement(s) with the federal and/or provincial governments, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer and the City Solicitor.