

**Date:** 2018-02-12

**Subject:** **Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program –  
Transfer Payment Agreement – All Wards (HF.x)**

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**Recommendations:**

1. That the report from Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation, Transportation Planning, dated February 12, 2018, to the Planning and Development Committee meeting of March 5, 2018, re: **Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program – Transfer Payment Agreement – All Wards (HF.x)** be received;
2. That an enabling by-law be passed substantially in the form attached to this report as Appendix 2 to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Minister of Transportation and obtain funding under the OMCC Program;
3. That staff be directed to deliver the executed Transfer Payment Agreement and all other requisite documentation and information to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation in order to receive the 2017/2018 OMCC funding allocation;
4. That staff be directed to request the Minister of Transportation for a change to the Eligible Projects List to include those additional projects as described in this report; and,
5. That a new capital project be established in the amount of \$1,780,605, to be funded by the Ministry of Transportation for OMCC Program Eligible Projects.

**Overview:**

- **The province of Ontario is investing \$93 million from the cap and trade program in the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program, to help municipalities build bike lanes and other cycling infrastructure, or to enhance existing infrastructure.**

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On December 4, 2017, the province announced that City of Brampton is one of 120 municipalities across the province that will be receiving funding through the OMCC Program. Brampton's 2017/2018 allocation of funding is \$1,780,604.29, based on a combination of the number of commuter cyclists and total population, as well as the number of municipalities participating in the program.

### **Current Situation:**

OMCC is a multi-year program, supported by proceeds from Ontario's cap and trade program, with \$93 million available in the first year (2017). Funding for future years will be determined based on availability of cap and trade proceeds. All Ontario municipalities are eligible for annual OMCC funding to support up to 80% of eligible costs associated with their implementation of eligible commuter cycling projects.

The City's 2017/2018 OMCC funding can be applied to any project that has been approved as an "eligible project" by the Ministry. In order for a project to be considered eligible it must meet the following criteria:

- be primarily for commuter cycling;
- reduce GHGs;
- connect to significant trip origins and destinations;
- be designed in accordance with the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18: Cycling Facilities;
- 20% of eligible costs must be funded by the municipality;
- be identified on a municipal council approved cycling plan or active transportation Master Plan; and,
- must be completed by December 20, 2020.

Since the City is anticipating the completion of its first Active Transportation Master Plan in Q2-2018, staff provided a preliminary eligible project list with the grant application. That preliminary list of Eligible Projects is appended to this report (Appendix 3) and will be included as a schedule to the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province for the OMCC Program. Once the Transfer Payment Agreement is executed and the City's Active Transportation Master Plan is approved, staff propose that the City request an amendment to the Eligible Project list schedule to the Transfer Payment Agreement to add the following additional five projects as candidate projects for OMCC funding:

- Signalized Active Transportation Crossing – Kennedy Road at the Etobicoke Creek Recreational Trail;
- Multi-use boulevard path(s) - Castlemore Road (road reconstruction - Goreway Drive to McVean Drive);
- Multi-use boulevard path - Humberwest Parkway Road (road reconstruction – Williams Parkway to Goreway Drive);

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Capital funding received from the Government of Ontario for OMCC Eligible Projects will allow capital reserve funds originally allocated to these projects to be re-allocated to other priority projects.

### **Strategic Plan:**

This report achieves the "Move & Connect" Priority of the Strategic Plan by supporting the "active transportation and cycling strategy" initiative of the plan.

### **Conclusion:**

The Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program provides eligible municipalities with funding to build more bike lanes and other cycling infrastructure, or enhance existing infrastructure, to promote cycling as a safe and viable transportation alternative. The City of Brampton has been allocated \$1,780,604.29 for 2017/2018. Although eligible projects are required to be a part of a Council approved cycling plan, the City received funding based on the declaration that the City is currently working on a cycling (active transportation) plan and that a project list meeting the program requirements will be submitted once the plan has been approved. As a condition of receiving the OMCC Program grant, the City is required to pass an enabling by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Province of Ontario, to comply with the requirements of the OMCC Program, to use the 2017/2018 funding for only eligible costs and projects and for the City of Brampton to fund 20% (municipal share) of the eligible costs.

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### **Attachments:**

Appendix 1 - Staff Report to City Council (June 16, 2017): Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program - Participation Declaration - All Wards (HF.x)

Appendix 2 - Enabling by-law to authorize the execution an Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation Ontario relating to the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program 2017 - 2018

Appendix 3 – Initial Eligible Project List (OMCC Program)

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