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15. FS19-2026 MFOA and OCIF

Council and staff discussed the importance of sustainable funds in light of our current asset management plan, when a response may be received from the government regarding funding, being shovel ready with projects and the municipal role in increasing the housing supply.

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It was **Moved** by C. Hull, **Seconded** by P. Deacon and **Carried**

Whereas recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

And whereas the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O.Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act*, 2015;

And whereas municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

And whereas the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from $200M per year to $400M per year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

And whereas the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

And whereas increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

And whereas municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;

And whereas the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.