

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA**

**REPORT NO. RC-2015-0016**

**FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF  
COUNCIL  
JUNE 10, 2015**

**SUBJECT: THE CANADA 150 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

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**1. RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. That Council receive Report No. RC-2015-0016, prepared by the Recreation and Culture Department and Economic Development Division dated June 10, 2015, respecting The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.**
- 2. That Council endorse the submission of The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program applications.**

**2. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of applications submitted to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program offered through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) and to receive Council's endorsement of the submissions.

**3. BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Economic Development Action Plan 2015 announced \$150 million nationally over two years for the new Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP 150). The CIP 150 is part of a coordinated federal approach to celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary.

The CIP 150 is being offered to support the rehabilitation, renovation and expansion of existing public infrastructure assets such as community centres, recreational facilities, local arenas, cultural centres and other community infrastructure. This commitment is expected to strengthen public infrastructure and provide economic benefits in communities across Canada.

FedDev Ontario is delivering the program in southern Ontario with an allocation of \$44.4 million over two years. The turnaround time between the funding announcement and the submission deadline was extremely short.

In order to expedite the development of the Town's applications staff developed a long list of potential projects and then shortlisted based on evaluation against program criteria. The short list resulted in 4 projects being identified as having merit for submission:

### The Link/ClearWater Farm

On April 22, 2015 Council passed a resolution asking staff to research opportunities for synergistic development of the business plans for the Reed Farm and The Link. Since then staff and the Ontario Water Centre (OWC) have met on numerous occasions to explore these synergies, one of which is the recently announced CIP 150.

### Mossington Bridge Rehabilitation

The need for rehabilitation was identified via structural analysis and the need was included in the 2015 Budget.

### De La Salle Park Accessibility Improvements

The park improvements geared towards enhanced accessibility were included in the preliminary staff budget proposal and the proposal to Council. The improvements were eliminated as priorities at the staff level and Council level.

### Pefferlaw Ice Pad Roof

This project has been a longstanding community request in order to extend the winter season and increase pad usage during summer months.

## **4. ANALYSIS:**

### The Link/ClearWater Farm

Funds would be used to renovate the main building at the Farm, create two themed teaching gardens (one at The Link and one at the Reed Farm), construct a farmer's market community gathering space at The Link, repave/repair the front parking area at the Link, and include a public art façade improvement for the front entrance at The Link. The scope of the work proposed for The Link is illustrated in Attachment 1.

A portion of the grant request will be dedicated to a community celebration that aligns with Canada's sesquicentennial celebrations in 2017. This event will focus on the unveiling of the newly constructed elements at The Link and the ClearWater Farm.

### Mossington Bridge Rehabilitation

Mossington Bridge was constructed in 1912 using steel construction. Because of the steel construction, particularly in areas where water collects, corrosion has occurred. The Bridge is both functional and picturesque with its narrow single lane that serves over 1800 vehicles per day and reminds us of the evolution of roadways and bridges. With a desire to extend the longevity of this historic bridge, significant rehabilitation is required.

Completion of the bridge would be in 2016 and would coincide with celebrations planned for the 125 anniversary of the Community of Sutton. Both Sutton and Jackson's Point share historic ties with the Bridge dating back to the early 1800's. These celebrations would set the stage for celebrations planned for Canada 150.

#### De La Salle Park Improvements

Improvements to connectivity of park and beach amenities would include the construction of two accessible pathways connecting parking lots, washrooms, playground structure, and beach including a water access point. In addition, three park washrooms would be upgraded to meet Ontario Disability Act Standards and with the installation of a beach shower and foot wash station.

Georgina plans to host a Celebration for Canada's 150 at the De La Salle Park celebrating the historical significance of the property and waterfront along with celebrating the "All Abilities Access" to Lake Simcoe.

#### Pefferlaw Ice Pad Roof

Roof constructed over Pefferlaw Ice Pad would extend the winter season and enable more usability during the summer months (shade, rain protection). Construction includes the design, delivery and installation of aluminum beams and outer membrane.

The Pefferlaw Community Centre and Ice Pad have been known as a central gathering space for the community of Pefferlaw for many years. A celebration of Canada's 150th would be held at this prominent community centre highlighting Canada and Pefferlaw's history.

### **5. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

The CIP 150 recipients may receive a non-repayable contribution of up to 50 percent of total eligible project costs of an infrastructure project, with recipients providing the remaining balance. However, priority may be given to those projects that require a federal contribution of lower percent.

The total budget for the projects described above is:

#### ClearWater Farm/Link

Total project budget is \$971,443 with the Town contributing \$189,943 (to be budgeted for in 2016), Ontario Water Centre contributing \$392,923 and the request of FedDev is \$388,577.

#### Mossington Bridge Rehabilitation

Total project budget is \$500,000 with the Town contributing \$300,000 (2015 budget) and the request of FedDev is \$200,000.

De La Salle Park Improvements

Total project budget is \$326,700 with the Town contributing \$217,800 (Accessibility Reserve) and the request of FedDev is \$108,900.

Pefferlaw Ice Pad Roof

Total project budget is \$786,225 with the Town contributing \$421,225 (to be budgeted for in 2016 and 2017) and the request of FedDev is \$315,000.

**6. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:**

No public consultation or notices are required.

**7. CONCLUSION:**

In consideration of the short turnaround for the Canada 150 application submission, staff believe these applications meet the criteria and have the best chance of succeeding through the application review process. Further, these are projects currently being considered within the 2015-2017 budgets.

As part of the application process, the Council's endorsement of the submissions is required prior to the execution of a contribution agreement.


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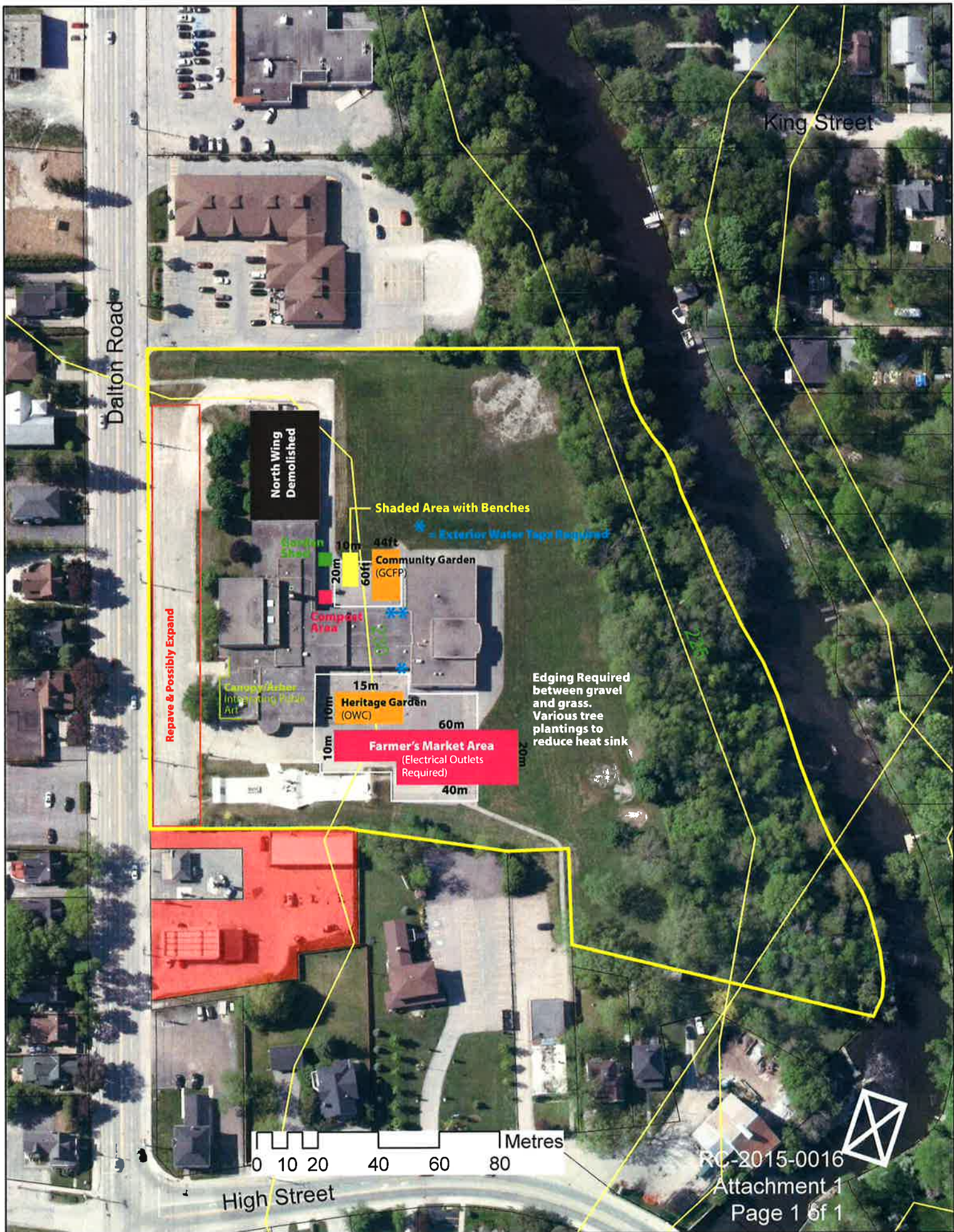
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*Attachment 1: Aerial photograph of the Link with proposed infrastructure improvements*



Dalton Road

King Street

North Wing Demolished

Shaded Area with Benches

- Exterior Water Taps Required

Community Garden (GCFP)

Compost Area

Canopy Arbor Intending Public Art

Heritage Garden (OWC)

Farmer's Market Area (Electrical Outlets Required)

Edging Required between gravel and grass. Various tree plantings to reduce heat sink



High Street