

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 20, 2020

TO: Council

FROM: Rhonda Whitmarsh, Treasurer

SUBJECT: Phase 2 Funding under the Municipal Operating Stream of the Safe Restart Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council deems that Covid 19 related costs and pressures for the Municipality are in excess of the funding received under Phase 1 of the Municipal Operating stream of the Safe Restart agreement with the Province of Ontario in 2020;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT Council directs the Treasurer to apply under Phase 2 of the Municipal Operating Funding stream of the Safe Restart Agreement with the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT Council also directs the Treasurer to complete all of the required financial reporting to the Province of Ontario on Covid 19 operating costs and pressures by the imposed deadlines.

BACKGROUND:

On August 12, 2020 the Municipality was informed that it would be receiving \$361,000 under Phase 1 of the Municipal Operating Funding Stream of the Safe Restart Agreement with the Province of Ontario to assist with Covid related costs and pressures.

The application deadline for Phase 2 has just been announced as October 30, 2020. One of the requirements of the application is a resolution of Council.

DISCUSSION:

There is \$695 million in Phase 2 funding under the Municipal Operating Stream of the Safe Restart Agreement that is available to all 444 municipalities in Ontario. The application deadline is October 30, 2020. To be eligible to apply, Municipalities must be able to prove that Covid 19 related costs and pressures exceed the funding received under Phase 1 after considering other mitigation tools such as the use of reserves, other grants, expense reductions, etc.

In addition to a resolution of Council, the application must also include the following:

- 1) The Council approved 2020 operating budget;
- 2) The actual financial results of the Municipality to September 30, 2020;
and
- 3) A forecast of the financial results of the Municipality to December 31, 2020.

Items 1 and 2 are readily available and item 3 is presently being worked on in preparation of the application deadline date.

It is expected that Covid 19 costs and pressures will continue as long as there are restrictions in place for Recreation activities and indoor gatherings and as long as capacity levels remain lower at the Daycare.

The Province of Ontario will not be finalizing their allocation methodology until all the applications for Phase 2 funding have been received and reviewed. Following that, applicants will be notified if they will be receiving Phase 2 funding before the end of 2020 with funds expected to be distributed early in 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

SUMMARY

I am requesting Council approve the resolution that is required to be submitted with the application for funding under Phase 2 of the Municipal Operating Stream of the Safe Restart Agreement for Covid 19 related costs and pressures in excess of the funding received under Phase 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,



Rhonda Whitmarsh, Treasurer

Ken Kelly, CAO