

## Grant Highlights

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### Ontario Municipal Partnership Grant

The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund – Grant (OMPF) for 2025 has been confirmed and will be \$1,185,800 (increase of \$52,100 over 2024). In 2025, OMPF is proposed to support the following capital projects: 1310 Centre Line parking improvements, variety of facility improvements (weatherproofing, health and safety items, energy and HVAC upgrades), the Ennismore Community Improvement Plan, various recreation projects (parking improvements at the multi-sport court in Lakefield, Ennismore Waterfront Park fencing & Ennismore Complex fitness trail).

There will also be a transfer to the Fire Equipment Reserve as well as addressing operating deficits at the Ennismore and Lakefield arenas and the Parks Department. OMPF is also being allocated to support succession management transitional costs in General Government.

The typical practice has been to use OMPF to offset one time/set time or capital expenses. Over the years, this funding has supported many capital projects and it has also been used to clear operational deficits that have occurred in recreation facilities and at the landfill site.

The Township needs to be mindful that OMPF funding may change in the future and as such planning for capital and one-time financing may need to be amended.

### Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

The Township has received confirmation that it will receive \$258,743 under the OCIF program in 2025; a decrease of \$54,339 over 2024 amount. In 2025, these funds continue to support the Township's asset management plan. The OCIF grant will also help to fund any infrastructure investments when reserves are insufficient and capital maintenance is required.

### Community Transportation Grant

The Ministry of Transportation is funding The Link transportation pilot in the amount of \$2.36 million, an increase of \$884,625.78 over the original \$1.48 million commitment. In addition, the Province also extended the grant to operate the pilot to March 2026. Programs partners include Curve Lake First Nation, Community Care Peterborough, and the City of Peterborough (City Transit is the contractor for the service). The pilot was successfully launched in May of 2021.

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### Other Provincial Grants

#### Library Operating Grant

Library Service continues to receive the annual operating grant of \$37,113. This unconditional grant has not changed in decades however it does provide stable annual funding to the Library system.

On January 25, 2024, a delegation was made at the ROMA conference to urge the Province to increase the amount of the annual operating grant given the significant cost increases being experienced to provide this evolving and important service in communities across the Province.

Occasionally other project-specific grants are provided by the Provincial Ministry responsible for Libraries as Capacity Grants and the Ministry responsible for Seniors and Community volunteering. When awarded these grants are allocated to the area of highest need as determined by the CEO and Library Board.

#### Canada Community Building Fund (formerly Federal Gas Tax Program)

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) administers this program in Ontario. The federal Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) became enshrined in legislation as a permanent annual source of infrastructure funding for Canada's municipalities at \$2 billion per year. The fund is allocated on a per capita basis across Canada.

In 2025, the Township will receive \$610,888 (increase of \$24,436). CCBF funds are being utilized to offset road expenditures for the surfacing improvements.

#### ICIP: Green Infrastructure Stream

The Township received \$3,046,518 towards the "Rehabilitation of Lakefield Water System" project, which includes major and minor infrastructure upgrades at the Lakefield Water Treatment Plant to both meet current health and safety standards and as preventative maintenance; as well as recommissioning the Lakefield Standpipe and replacing of 550 metres of water mains under Strickland Street and 180 metres of water mains under Prospect Street in the Village of Lakefield. The project cost is approx. \$4,150,000 of which 40% would be covered by federal funds and 33.3% by provincial funds. While most of this project will be reflected in the Lakefield water and sewer budget, components related to roads and stormwater will benefit from the project. This project will be finalized in summer of 2026, with the requirement for the project to be completed by October 31, 2026.



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### **Fire Protection Grant**

The Township received \$41,152.25 through the provincial government's Fire Protection Grant to purchase enhanced Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), supporting the prevention of cancer. The Selwyn Fire Department will purchase Fit Testing Equipment, and cleaning and storage equipment for bunker gear.

## Other Funding Sources – Potential

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### Grants Awaiting Announcement

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The following grants have been applied for and are awaiting funding announcements.

#### Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Grant

The Township has applied for \$1,000,000 through the provincial government's Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Grant (CSRIG) to replace the original arena floor in the Ennismore Community Centre, which includes replacing the 180-foot by 80-foot concrete slab floor, refrigeration piping and ice rink chiller. The expected total project cost is \$1,863,500. If approved, the project must be completed by March 31, 2027.



#### Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund

The Township has applied for \$5,120,000 through the provincial government's Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) for upgrades to existing water and wastewater infrastructure to facilitate housing in the proposed Lakefield South Development area. The expected total project cost is just over \$7,000,000. If approved, the project must be completed by March 31, 2028.

#### Community Emergency Preparedness Grant

The Township has applied for \$50,000 through the provincial government's Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) to purchase a 100kW standalone, emergency stand-by generator to be installed at the Smith Public Works Garage. The expected total project cost is \$175,000. If approved, the project must be completed by August 29, 2025.

#### Student Wage Grant Programs

An application has been submitted to the Federal Canada Summer Jobs program and an application will be made to the Provincial Summer Job Service to support student employment opportunities. Students are employed at the municipal office, the Lakefield Marina, Public Works and the Library and these student funding programs assist in supporting the cost of wages. Wage subsidies are typically announced in late spring.

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### Tree Canada – Operation ReLeaf

The Township has applied for \$50,000 through Tree Canada's Operation ReLeaf to restore tree populations on municipal property throughout the Township, as well as support another ReLeaf program for 300 residents. The program is intended to support the loss of ash trees by the Emerald Ash Borer.



### Ontario Trillium Foundation – Grow Grant

The Selwyn Public Library has applied for \$200,000 through the Ontario Trillium Foundation's (OTF) Grow Grant to fund Digital Literacy Programming, which includes Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) workshops in local elementary schools, the three Library branches and Makerspace.

### Trans Canada Trail – Trail Care Grant

The Township has applied for \$1,250 through the Trans Canada Trail's Trail Care Grant Program for funds to assist with general repairs and cleanup along the section of the trail maintained by the Township of Selwyn. This section is located between Highway 7 and Ackison Road.

The Trail Care grant program provides funding for projects to improve Trail sections, supporting the transition from one season to another.

### Natural Infrastructure Fund\*

The Township has applied for \$66,575 through the federal government's Natural Infrastructure Fund (NIF) towards the planting of a 600-metre-long vegetative buffer around the Lakefield Campground, creating a physical barrier between campground activities, the Lakefield Trail, and the Imagine the Marsh Conservation Area. The expected total project cost is \$83,219, with NIF providing 80% of the funding. The project was to be completed by March 31, 2024.

***\*Note: As of October 18, 2024, the assessment of all projects submitted through the NIF intake is almost finalized. Infrastructure Canada is currently not able to provide a status update for applicants. Once the assessments have been completed and decisions have been made, Infrastructure Canada will inform all applicants of the results of their respective application(s). The NIF team will be available to provide feedback should an applicant make the request.***

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### Upcoming Grants (Announced)

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The following list of grants have been announced. Applications are yet to be made.

#### Home-Energy Upgrade Financing Program Continuous intake

In partnership with the Township, the Clean Air Partnership, will apply to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Community Efficiency Financing Program (CEF) for funding to implement a Home Energy Retrofit program. If successful, the Township can implement a 4-year financial incentive program that will assist homeowners to make improvements such as converting to heat pumps, improving building envelope (insulation, windows and doors), improve lighting, or installing EV charging units. Financial incentives could include no or low interest loans and direct grants.

#### Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant The deadline to apply is January 31, 2025

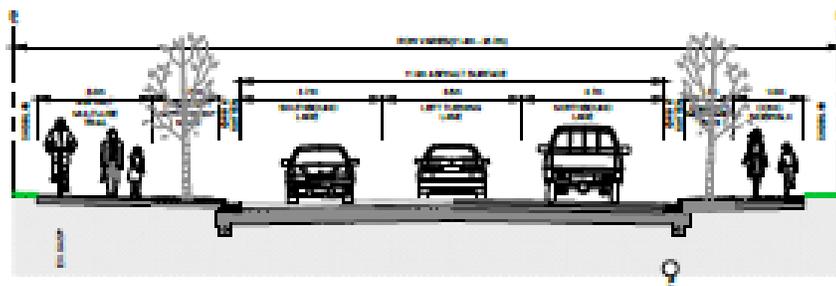
The Township can apply for up to \$200,000 through Intact Financial Corporation's Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant towards practical solutions to protect people from the effects of climate change and build more resilient communities.

- *Rain Ready Program (private properties)*
- *Stormwater Related (Township stormwater infrastructure updates)*

#### Active Transportation Fund The deadline to apply is February 26, 2025.

The Township can apply for up to 60% of a project's total cost to the federal government's Active Transportation Fund towards capital projects that involve new construction or enhancement of existing infrastructure encouraging travel by active methods, including sidewalks, multi-use paths and bike lanes.

- *Pedestrian corridor as part of the Ward Street EA project, including multi-use pathway, sidewalk, and amenities such as benches, garbage and recycling containers, bicycle racks, etc.*



## Other Funding Sources – Potential

### Ontario Trillium Foundation – Capital Grant The deadline to apply is March 5, 2025.

The Township can apply for up to \$200,000 through the Ontario Trillium Foundation's (OTF) Community Investment Capital Grant towards projects that help build healthy and vibrant communities. Project objectives must be to:

- Maintain or increase access to a program or service;
- Extend the life of a facility or space; and/or
- Improve a facility or space to make it more accessible.

- *Collaborative Application with Jude's Joy Project – Accessible Playground Ennismore Waterfront Park*



### Community Advancement Program (CAP) The deadline to apply is March 7, 2025.

The Township can apply for up to \$10,000 through Community Futures Peterborough's Community Advancement Program (CAP), which aims to enhance business attraction, investment, retention, and employment opportunities in The City and County of Peterborough by supporting initiatives that;

- Create community economic stability, growth, and job creation
- Develop and diversify competitive local rural economies, and
- Foster economically sustainable communities

Projects must be completed between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026, and both capital and non-capital costs are eligible given they fulfill the criteria. Two factors considerably weighted by the selection committee are the number of partners involved and the amount of leveraged dollars.

- *County of Peterborough is investigating a collaborative application for a regional initiative*

### Rural Transit Solutions Fund – Capital Projects Stream The deadline to apply is March 5, 2025

The federal government's Rural Transit Solutions Fund supports the development and expansion of locally driven transit solutions, by helping residents of rural, remote, Indigenous and Northern communities conduct their day-to-day activities. The Fund supports a range of public transit models including fixed-routes, on-demand transit and micromobility services, such as e-bikes.

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Through the Capital Projects Stream, the Township can apply for up to 80% of a project's total cost (with a maximum of \$10 million) for projects that help cover tangible capital assets primarily for public use, such as the purchase of vehicles and supporting infrastructure. The project must meet at least one of the following objectives:

- Increase use of public transit relative to car travel
  - Contribute to climate change mitigation and resilience
  - Improve public transit options for all, especially equity-deserving groups
- *Township investigating any possible capital improvements*

### Rural Ontario Development Program

***(Note: The province has replaced the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program with the new Rural Ontario Economic Development Program.)***

Information on the province's Rural Ontario Economic Development Program, including the guidelines and application, will be available in late winter 2025. The province is doubling its funding to \$10 million annually over the next two years for a total of \$20 million.

- *Awaiting program details. Hopeful to collaborate with the County of Peterborough to replace tourism kiosks located throughout the County (former Peterborough and Kawartha Economic Development (PKED) signage program)*



### Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) - Health and Safety Water Stream

**Applications will open on February 12, 2025**

The Township can apply for up to 73% of a project's total eligible costs (maximum of \$30 million) towards the Health and Safety Water Stream of the province's Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP). The Health and Safety Water Stream will help municipalities and First Nations build, rehabilitate and expand aging water, flood and shoreline erosion infrastructure to ensure communities have safe, reliable water services and are protected during extreme weather events.

- *Staff to review water and sanitary needs for potential application ideas*

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### **Canadian Housing Infrastructure Fund**

**The deadline to apply is March 31, 2025.**

The Township can apply for up to 50% of a project's total eligible costs (minimum of \$1 million, maximum of \$100 million) towards the federal government's Canadian Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF). CHIF aims to accelerate the construction and upgrading of housing-enabling drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid-waste infrastructure, directly supporting the creation of new homes and increasing densification.

- *Staff to review water and sanitary needs for potential application ideas*

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### Upcoming Projects

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A list of potential projects is identified below that may be suitable for submission to the grant programs described above **or** future and annual grant announcements:

- Ward Street – CIP improvements - sidewalk, multi-use pathway, decorative lighting, etc.
- Fairbairn Trail – Completion of Phases 2 & 3
- Municipal Beaches – accessibility improvements, such as accessible pathways, parking, accessible docking systems for canoes/kayaks, mobility-mates, washrooms etc.
- Interlock Brick Replacement – Memorial Hall
- Lakefield Trail – wooden boardwalk replacement (Water Street)
- Future Splash Pad and basketball court (Bridgenorth)
- Disc golf facilities
- Wayfinding signage (tourist and community destinations)
- Festival/Performance Space (study, plans, design, construction)
- Sports field lighting – south ball diamond (REY Complex)
- Special events supply loan bank (traffic barricades/signage, reflective vests, temporary no parking signs and other supplies to support community events etc...)

### Unknown Grants

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The following list of grants have been offered in past years and have not been announced but are noted as a potential opportunity.

#### **RIDE Grant**

In the past, the Smith-Ennismore Police Services Board, through the Township, has applied for Provincial funding to support the RIDE program for the Smith and Ennismore Wards. These RIDE programs provide dedicated resources to conduct RIDE checks to ensure that intoxicated drivers are kept off our roadways. To date, no details have been released related to RIDE grant funding. The Peterborough Police Service manages the RIDE program for the Lakefield Ward. Staff will continue to monitor any announcements related to RIDE grant funding.

#### **Tourism Growth Program**

The next intake for the federal government's Tourism Growth Program is expected to open in early 2025. Previously, the Township had the opportunity to apply for up to \$250,000. To date, no details have been released and staff will continue to monitor any announcements related to the Tourism Growth Program.

#### **My Main Street – Community Activator Program**

The next intake for the My Main Street – Community Activator Program is expected to open in early 2025. Previously, the Township had the opportunity to apply for up

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to \$250,000. The My Main Street Community Activator provided support for community projects in southern Ontario designed to draw visitors and increase local vibrancy. This program supports high-impact placemaking projects that seek to revitalize neighbourhoods and reimagine public spaces including main streets, downtown strips and plazas as vibrant and inclusive places that work for everyone. To date, no details have been released and staff will continue to monitor any announcements related to My Main Street funding.

### **Hydro One Energizing Life – Community Fund**

The next Hydro One Energizing Life – Community Fund intake will open in early 2025. The updated program guidelines, application and deadline will be available at that time. Previously, the Township has had the opportunity to apply for up to \$25,000 through Hydro One's Energizing Life - Community Fund towards projects that focus on the physical, psychological and emotional safety of Ontarians.

Township of Selwyn

**OMPF Funding Summary**

Details	<b>Budget 2025</b>
Total OMPF Allocation ( <i>up \$52,100 over 2024</i> )	1,185,800
 <b><u>Operations Expenses - Covering Prior Years Deficits:</u></b>	
Parks & Recreation Deficit	-21,008
Lakefield-Smith Community Center Deficit	-19,746
Ennismore Arena Deficit	-5,623
 <b><u>Support of Succession Management</u></b>	
Succession Mgmt./Org. Phase In - placeholder	-100,000
 <b><u>Capital/Special Project Expenses:</u></b>	
Facility Related	-300,000
Community Projects	-200,000
Road Construction Projects	-250,000
Recreation Projects	-30,500
Fire Equipment Reserve - <i>allocation to support equipment</i>	-250,000
Equipment Reserve - <i>residual to support equipment (balancing)</i>	-8,923
 <b>Balance</b>	 <u><u>0</u></u>