

REPORT #: DCAO-2025-9
DATE: 21-Oct-25
TO: Mayor and Members of Council
SUBJECT: Authority to sign the Canada Funding Agreement for the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Plant
PREPARED BY: Mahesh Ramdeo, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council receive report DCAO 2025 09, and

That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Canada Payment Agreement for the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Project with the federal Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure.

2. STAFF REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Bradford West Gwillimbury will be the host of the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Facility.
- Canada will fund a portion of the Project.
- The authority sought via this report is to enter into a funding agreement, with Canada, to fund up to \$16,000,000 in eligible Project costs.

3. BACKGROUND:

- In 2024, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury indicated its willingness to host the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Project within its boundaries.
- On November 19, 2024, Council authorized staff to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks for the Project.
- On January 27, 2025, Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign the MOU with the MECP.
- On July 2, 2025, Council authorized the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Phase 1 funding agreement with the Province of Ontario. This report recommends execution of a similar agreement with the federal government.

4. ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

The federal government and Province of Ontario, together, committed to fund the design and construction of the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Facility. On July 2, 2025, Council authorized the Mayor and Town Clerk to enter into a provincial funding agreement, valued at \$13,800,000, with the province to fund the Project's Phase 1 works. Canada, through the federal Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure, committed to fund up to \$16,000,000 of the eligible project costs.

Over the past months, Town staff have been working with staff from the Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure to secure the funding, plus the contents and wording of the Canada Funding Agreement. The Canada Funding Agreement is based on a Government of Canada template and Town staff are comfortable with the final version (see attached).

Staff are seeking authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Canada Funding Agreement once finalized.

5. EFFECT ON TOWN FINANCES:

The Town will receive Canada funds to implement the Project. There are no commitments or requirements in this Agreement for Bradford West Gwillimbury to commit any monies to the Project.

6. RELATION TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

1. Economic Development
2. Enhanced Recreation
3. Downtown and Urban Renewal

7. ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1 – Draft Funding Agreement for Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Project

8. STAFF REPORT APPROVAL:

APPROVAL	DATE
Prepared By: Mahesh Ramdeo, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer	October 9, 2025
Reviewed By: Ian Goodfellow, Director of Finance/Treasurer	October 9, 2025
Approved By: Geoff McKnight, Chief Administrative Officer	October 16, 2025

