

Council directs staff to make application to new federal intake program for Dain City infrastructure improvements

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Welland, ON – On Tuesday, August 10, Welland City Council directed staff to apply for two streams of funding to assist with infrastructure in Dain City.

“The City will work closely with Member of Parliament Vance Badawey’s office,” said Mayor Frank Campion. “As we navigate these applications through the system, it will be important to work closely with our federal partners to achieve success for Welland residents.”

Resulting from a significant storm event in mid-July that saw over four inches of rainfall in a 14-hour timeframe, the City received reports of more than 80 flooding incidents; noticeably in Ward 6.

“Like many municipalities, Welland faces the challenges related to inflow and infiltration of stormwater into the sanitary network,” said Sherri-Marie Millar, director of infrastructure services and city engineer. “Successful funding applications would accelerate projects that benefit Welland now and in the future.”

Though not technically or financially feasible to design stormwater infrastructure to accommodate the higher intensity, less frequent storm events, the City can explore measures to reduce the negative impacts of wet weather events on residents and the environment.

Options for funding to mitigate future significant wet weather events include the Council-approved small-scale (\$1M - \$20M) application for the Disaster Mitigation Adaptation Fund (DMAF) to support the City's inflow and infiltration reduction efforts within Dain City.

The other opportunity is through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Green Stream, which prioritizes drinking water projects associated with water infrastructure Projects subject to a \$5 million funding cap for total eligible costs.

There are approximately \$48M of funded capital projects and initiatives (since 2018) designed to reduce inflow and infiltration and improve the collection and conveyance of stormwater throughout the City. The City DMAF for \$13.8M to design and construct new storm sewers within Dain City and the ICIP – Green Stream for \$5M to design and construct a secondary trunk watermain to secure the supply of potable water to Dain City.

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