

Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
Friday, February 25, 2022 Meeting

FROM: Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial and Operating Officer

**RE: FEDDEV CANADA COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FUND GRANT
APPROVAL**

KEY ISSUE

To authorize TRCA to enter into contribution agreements with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) in support of priority unfunded TRCA infrastructure projects.

RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT TRCA's Board of Directors authorizes staff to enter into four contribution agreements with FedDev Ontario to support the following capital projects: (1) Improvement to the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve; (2) Improvement of Altona Forest Trail; (3) Improvement of Bolton Camp Site; (4) Improvement of Albion Hills Conservation Park.

BACKGROUND

TRCA's Funding and Grants program staff, submitted five grant applications to FedDev Ontario in July of 2021 from TRCA's Unfunded Priorities list in support of TRCA infrastructure projects. FedDev Ontario's Canada Community Revitalization Fund sought projects which improve community infrastructure assets to comply with public health guidelines and reinvent outdoor spaces and green infrastructure to encourage engagement with the natural environment. The five projects submitted by TRCA were selected based on the strongest alignment with these funder objectives.

On February 13, 2022 staff received confirmation that four of the five applications were approved for funding.

RATIONALE

FedDev Ontario has approved the above projects above for funding and is prepared to enter into contribution agreements to support the projects, pending evidence of authorization to enter into such agreements by TRCA's Board of Directors.

Relationship to Building the Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following strategies set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:

Strategy 3 – Rethink greenspace to maximize its value

Strategy 4 – Create complete communities that integrate nature and the built environment

Strategy 7 – Build partnerships and new business models

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FINANCIAL DETAILS

Funding from FedDev Ontario will support improvements to the following TRCA assets:

Improvement to the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve

FedDev Ontario Contribution: \$236,005

Total Project Cost: \$472,010

Source of TRCA Contribution: York Region Pedestrian and Cycling Partnership (\$161,288);

York Region Capital Levy (\$34,717); York Region Contracted Services (\$40,000)

Funding will support the construction of up to 630 metres of multi-use trail within the Oak Ridges Corridor Conservation Reserve including trail signage.

Improvement of Altona Forest Trail

FedDev Ontario Contribution: \$198,000

Total Project Cost: \$264,000

Source of TRCA Contribution: Waterfront Regeneration Trust (\$66,000)

Funding will support the upgrade of up to 1.6km of multi-use trail in Altona Forest including abatement of tree hazards and construction of 380 metres of new trail to enable access to the full Alton Forest trail system.

Improvement of Bolton Camp Site

FedDev Ontario Contribution: \$750,000

Total Project Cost: \$3,466,680*

Source of TRCA Contribution: Peel Region Capital Levy (\$2,716,680)

Funding will support the construction of a new site entrance and parking at Bolton Camp to enable access to amenities.

*TRCA will be required to incur \$1,000,000 in eligible expenses during the 2022/23 government fiscal year.

Improvement of Albion Hills Conservation Park

FedDev Ontario Contribution: \$360,000

Total Project Cost: \$480,000

Source of TRCA Contribution: Peel Region Capital Levy (\$120,000)

Funding will support the installation of four accessible washrooms at Albion Hills Conservation Park.

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

In order to claim the maximum funding amounts from FedDev Ontario, eligible work must be completed by March 31, 2023. TRCA's Project Management Office has been consulted regarding the feasibility of completing work within these timelines.

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