



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Foxtan & Members of Council

**From:** Andrew McNeely, Chief Administrative Officer

**Copy to:** Shelley Stedall, Treasurer / Director of Corporate Services  
Ashley Sage, Township Clerk

**Re:** **ADDENDUM ITEM November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Council Agenda Resolution of Support – Municipal Modernization Grant Program Ice Needs Analysis / Business Case Assessment for Ice Facility**

**Date:** November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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As a component of the Province's Fall Economic Statement, the Government established a new Grant stream entitled the *Municipal Modernization Program*. This program is targeted at the 405 Municipalities with a population of under 100,000 persons. The Province, through this initiative, is making up to \$125 million available through 2022-23 to undertake eligible projects.

There will be several Grant in-takes over the next two to three year period. The next intake has been identified for the Spring / Summer of 2020.

The Grant program is designed to assist small Municipalities undertake new service delivery reviews, implement recommendations from previous reviews, and, undertake a range of projects such as IT solutions or process improvements that are designed cost savings and efficiencies.

Intake 1 under the Municipal Modernization Program has a deadline of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Eligible projects under Intake 1 are reviews of municipal service delivery expenditures by independent third-party reviews. The Study has to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and published on the Municipality's website.

Staff are proposing to bring a Report to the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Council Committee of the Whole Meeting focusing on the future ice needs for the Municipality, and if determined that a need exists, the preparation of a business case assessment of whether to undertake an extensive renovation / rehabilitation of the Ayr Community

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Centre or the completion of a twinning project at the North Dumfries Community Complex. As part of the December 9<sup>th</sup> Staff Report, the framework of the Request for Proposal (RFP) to retain a third party consultant to complete the Study will be included.

The framework of the proposed Ice Needs Analysis / Business Case Assessment for an Ice Facility aligns with the terms of Intake 1 of the Municipal Modernization Fund. Staff have estimated that the cost to complete the Study will be approximately \$70,000

As the deadline for the submission of the Grant program is December 6<sup>th</sup>, Staff are seeking a Resolution at the November 25<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of Council to facilitate the submission of a Grant Application in the amount of up to \$70,000 for the completion of an Ice Needs Analysis / Business Case Assessment for an Ice Facility.

If Council supports this initiative, Staff seek the adoption of the following Resolution:

*THAT Staff be authorized to submit a Grant request under the Province's Intake 1 of the Municipal Modernization Fund;*

*AND THAT the Grant be in support of the Township's review by a third-party consultant to complete an Ice Needs Analysis / Business Case Assessment for an Ice Facility study;*

*AND THAT the Grant request be made up to a maximum of \$70,000.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'A' followed by a surname that appears to be 'Meehan'.