



## REPORT

**TO:** Mayor Avis & Council

**FROM:** Jason Kabel, Manager of Community Services

**DATE:** September 30, 2016

**RE:** **Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF)**

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### **PREAMBLE**

The 2016 Federal Budget announced the establishment of an application based Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) that proposes to invest up to \$3.4 billion in public transit for Phase One of the program, starting in 2016-17. The funding will be distributed provincially on the basis of transit ridership. With Ontario's share of national public transit ridership totalling 44%, the Province will receive approximately \$1.48 billion to be allocated to potential recipients.

Allocations have been calculated based on the number of potential Recipients who are eligible to receive PTIF funding. As such, the Town of Fort Frances will be eligible to receive an allocation of \$80,288.

The application consists of three basic components that need to be completed in full and submitted electronically through the Grants Ontario web portal by October 18, 2016 (attached).

The funding will support 50% of capital purchases with the following criteria:

*Canada requires that all Projects are incremental. The intake process will require each Applicant to attest that:*

*1. Federal funding will support only Eligible Expenditures and that the Projects on the Project List meet the provisions as specified in the Bilateral Agreement.*

*2. Project Incrementality has been met when one of the following conditions has been met:*

*I) The Project would not otherwise have taken place in 2016-17 or 2017-18; and/or*

*II) The Project would not have been undertaken without federal funding.*

*This would include Projects included in Ontario's 2016 Budget or 2016 municipal budgets where Projects require additional funding to proceed and/or accelerate.*

The Community Services Division had approval from Council through the 2016 budget process to purchase a Handivan bus in the amount of \$85,000.

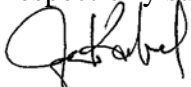
### **Recommendation**

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor & Council to:

- a) support an application to the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) for the purchase of a Handivan bus in 2017 based on 50% funding by the October 18<sup>th</sup> deadline.

- b) endorse proceeding with the 2016 tendering process for a Handivan bus as per the 2016 Capital Budget (\$85,000), and include the possibility of the 2017 Handivan purchase (50% PTIF funded) as a provisional item of the tender, pending approval by Council through the 2017 budget process.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Kabel

**Council approval of this report will:**

- a) support an application to the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) for the purchase of a Handivan bus in 2017 based on 50% funding by the October 18<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- b) endorse proceeding with the 2016 tendering process for a Handivan bus as per the 2016 Capital Budget, and include the possibility of the 2017 Handivan purchase as a provisional item of the tender, pending approval by Council through the 2017 budget process.