



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL ACTION ITEM

Committee: Regular Council

Date: September 30, 2024

Department: Public Works

Topic: Tree Planting Partnership Funding Opportunity

Purpose: To seek support in partnering with South Nation Conservation on a funding application under the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund – Growing Canada’s Community Canopies.

Background: South Nation Conservation (SNC) is leading an application for projects within their jurisdiction. They have partnered with the City of Clarence-Rockland and are extending out to additional municipal partners who wish to invest in tree planting projects.

The funding opportunity is through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund – Growing Canada’s Community Canopies. The grant would cover up to 50% of the eligible costs for the tree planting project and the project would span from 2025-2027.

Policy Implications: A Council resolution confirming municipal support is an application submission requirement. Bylaw 2023-48 (Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy) aligns with this project. In particular the priority actions listed below:

8.2 When funds are available, increase tree planting on Township owned lands, especially focused within public parks/open spaces, where possible.

8.6 Support and participate, where possible, in tree planting efforts by the South Nation Conservation Authority.

Strategic Plan Implications: Supports objective 6.1 to protect and manage tree assets and conservation. One of the actions is to work with SNC and indigenous populations to develop a tree management plan.

Financial Considerations: Based on a quote received this August, the cost per tree for a caliper size ranging between 50mm and 75mm is between \$750.00 and \$900.00 planted. Naturally, seedlings and smaller caliper size would cost less per tree. An amount of \$15,000.00 could be placed in the annual operating budget dedicated to this

project. This would provide \$30,000.00 per year toward tree planting efforts over the next three (3) year window.

Recommendation: That Municipal Council support partnering with South Nation Conservation on a funding application under the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund – Growing Canada’s Community Canopies and commit \$15,000.00 per year toward the tree planting project, if application is successful.



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