



## City of Hamilton Memorandum

**To:** Chair and Members  
Public Works Committee

**Date:** June 9, 2025

**Report No:** PW21073(c)

**Subject/Title:** Status of \$32.7M One-time Canada Community-Building Fund Spending

**Ward(s) Affected:** City Wide

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### Background

On July 5, 2021, at the General Issues Committee meeting, through resolution of a motion titled "Investing in City Roads and Sidewalks Infrastructure with Canada Community-Building Funds", in accordance with The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) as an Act, for which the City of Hamilton was allocated an additional \$32.7 million dollars, such:

- (a) That \$30 million of the estimated \$32.7 million of the one-time funding under Bill C-25, be invested in sidewalk and road repairs (minor maintenance);
- (b) That the funds be allocated equally amongst 15 wards (\$2 million per Ward); and
- (c) That staff report back to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee with a procurement process that expedites the use of the funds to limit exposure to rising (inflationary) prices.

Pursuant to Council's direction, Public Works staff developed a plan to expedite the delivery of road and sidewalk infrastructure projects.

On December 9, 2021, staff reported back to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee through Report PW21073 with a plan to expedite the delivery of road and sidewalk infrastructure projects, and, following consultation with Councillors, provided a project list (Appendix "A" to Report PW21073). The project list has since been amended at Council on occasion. Additionally, an update on the status of each project was presented to General Issues Committee on January 20, 2023, with report PW21073(a)

and on January 15, 2024, with report PW21073(b). This communication is a third update.

## **Update**

Attached as Appendix “A” to Memorandum PW21073(c), is a table with an updated summary delineating work already underway, planned work (earmarked), and remaining balances for each Ward’s allocation of \$2,000,000 as of February 4, 2025.

As shown in this table, a total balance of \$3,444,326 remains unscheduled as of February 4, 2025. Staff will continue working with Councillors who have remaining funds available for their Wards to prioritize and program additional projects until the remaining balances are depleted.

Attached, as Appendix “B” to Memorandum PW21073(c), is an updated summary of the Canada Community Building Fund projects list showing Ward, Street, limits, and status of each project as of February 4, 2025.

## **Canada Community-Building Fund Spending Deadline**

The Federal Gas Tax agreement, now called Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), stipulates that these funds “shall be spent ... within five (5) years after the end of the year in which the funds were received”. Despite this deadline, Finance has advised that this one-time allocation of funds was provided as part of a larger CCBF program that results in a rolling reserve balance and as such, provided that the City does not accumulate 5 years of funding, the terms of the agreement will be satisfied.

## **Consultation**

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## **Appendices and Schedules Attached**

Appendix A: Canada Community-Building Fund Ward Balances

Appendix B: Status of 2021 \$30M One-time Canada Community-Building Fund Allocation Spending Table

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