
DATE: October 29, 2009

REPORT TITLE: **INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUNDING (ISF) PROGRAM RECAP**

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OBJECTIVE

To provide Council with a consolidation of the process and approvals of projects funded under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) program for Mississauga, Brampton and Peel including information from the following Region of Peel reports: April 29, 2009 report titled "Application Process For Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Stimulus Fund"; June 9, 2009 report titled "Infrastructure Stimulus Funding (ISF) Approval"; June 18, 2009 report entitled "Federal - Provincial Infrastructure Stimulus Funding Program - Peel Heritage Complex"; June 23, 2009 report titled "Infrastructure Stimulus Funding (ISF) Approval - Update"

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2009 Federal budget announced a \$4 billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF)
- Funding of eligible expenditures is 1/3 federal, 1/3 provincial and 1/3 municipal
- The application process was made available on April 14th, and they were due by May 1st
- Each proponent had to attest that the project would not otherwise have been constructed by March 31, 2011 were it not for ISF funding
- The Region of Peel was awarded \$49.296 million in Federal ISF funding and \$49.296 million in Provincial ISF funding to which it added \$50.715 million in Region funding for a total investment of \$149.307 million on 26 of 27 projects submitted
- The City of Mississauga was awarded \$46.238 million in Federal ISF funding and \$46.238 million in Provincial ISF funding to which it added \$49.04 million in City funding for a total investment of \$141.516 million on 132 of 297 projects submitted
- The City of Brampton was awarded \$15.829 million in Federal ISF funding and \$15.829 million in Provincial funding to which it added \$15.842 million in City ISF funding for a total investment of \$47.5 million on two of three projects submitted
- The Town of Caledon was eligible for the ISF Communities Component because its population is less than 100,000. That component had a different process and guidelines.
- As it does not operate recreational facilities such as arenas and playing courts and fields, the Region was not eligible for Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) construction and repair funding that has been the subject of recent media reports

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DISCUSSION

1. Background

On January 27, 2009, the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Federal Minister of Finance presented the Government's Budget for the 2009/10 fiscal year, which announced a \$4 billion Federal Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF), for which applications were due by May 1, 2009.

The Provincial and Federal governments worked together and on April 14, 2009 the joint application process and guidelines were announced. The program called for federal funding for 1/3 of the eligible project costs and Ontario was to contribute an amount equal to that contributed by Canada. The criteria called for shovel ready projects with preference being given to those where 50 percent of the funds could be spent by March 31, 2010, and all projects would have to be substantially completed by March 31, 2011. The ISF guidelines further stipulated that all proponents were required to attest, in conjunction with their project application, that the work to be undertaken would be an incremental construction activity that would not otherwise have been constructed by March 31, 2011, were it not for ISF funding.

a) Peel

Regional staff compiled a list of 27 proposed projects and subsequently submitted their applications by the May 1, 2009 deadline set in the guidelines. These projects were later endorsed by a council resolution on May 7, 2009, Resolution 2009-156.

On June 5, 2009 it was announced that the Region of Peel was awarded \$98.592 million for 26 of the 27 ISF applications consisting of \$49.296 million in Federal ISF funding and \$49.296 million in Provincial ISF funding.

Regional funding requirements were in the amount of \$50.715 million. Of that, \$42.132 million had already been recognized within the Regions 10 Year Plan, however, there was additional funding required in the amount of \$8.584 million that had not been recognized within the 10 Year Plan. This funding was endorsed by a council resolution on June 25, 2009, Resolution 2009-727.

In that same resolution, Regional Council endorsed a recommendation for the Chair to write to the Federal and Provincial Governments and thank them for the federal and provincial ISF funds that had been awarded to Peel in the amount of \$98.592 million.

b) Mississauga

City staff compiled a list of 297 proposed projects and subsequently submitted their applications by the May 1, 2009 deadline set in the guidelines.

Mississauga was awarded \$92.477 million for 132 of the 297 ISF applications consisting of \$46.238 million in Federal ISF funding and \$46.238 million in Provincial ISF funding. City funding requirements were in the amount of \$49.04 million.

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City staff proposed three projects and subsequently submitted their applications by the May 1, 2009 deadline set in the guidelines.

Brampton was awarded \$31.658 million for two of the ISF applications consisting of \$15.829 million in Federal ISF funding and \$15.829 million in Provincial ISF funding. City funding requirements were in the amount of \$15.842 million.


Infrastructure Stimulus Funding (ISF) (\$ million)

	Federal	Provincial	Municipal	Total
Mississauga	\$46.238	\$46.238	\$49.040	\$141.516
Brampton	\$15.829	\$15.829	\$15.842	\$47.500
Peel	\$49.296	\$49.296	\$50.715	\$149.307
Total	\$111.363	\$111.363	\$115.597	\$338.323

Recently there have been a number of media reports regarding the distribution of senior government funding under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program. This program funds the construction and repair of recreational facilities such as arenas, basketball and tennis courts and soccer fields. The Region was not eligible for RInC funding as it does not operate those types of facilities and leaves it to our area partners to directly provide comment on the application of that program in their municipality.

CONCLUSION

The Region appreciates the support that they have received from both Federal and Provincial governments under the Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

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