



GRAND VALLEY

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk
Meeting Date: November 25, 2025
Report Number: 2025-199
Subject: Road Safety Initiatives funding

Recommendation

THAT Council receives Report – Road Safety Initiatives Fund

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to reengage the road safety engineers at RJ Burnside for assistance preparing for the Town's application to this fund, for which the Town is eligible as a former automated speed enforcement community.

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes an application to the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program for qualifying road work completed in 2025.

Executive Summary

Purpose

To advise Council of two funding announcements from the Province related to road safety and request engineering assistance with applications for these funds.

Key Findings

The Pothole Prevention and Repair Program will provide funding for repairs already completed in 2025. More details will be made available soon.

Road safety funding seems to be announced for some areas. Grand Valley has inquired about this with the Province.

Financial Implications

The Town may receive up to \$38,000 toward road repair costs.

Additional funding may be coming to compensate for the shutdown of automated speed enforcement cameras in the Province.

Report**Background**

The Provincial Government has recently announced two road safety funding opportunities. The Town can apply for both opportunities.

Discussion

The Pothole Prevention and Repair Program is intended to support smaller municipalities (under 10,000 population) with road maintenance and set standards to help improve road conditions and promote high-quality roadwork across the province. The Town can apply for up to \$38,000 in reimbursement for costs incurred in 2025. Our microsurfacing project will qualify, as would our grading work on the gravel roads. To apply, Grand Valley must provide evidence of need for pothole repair work through a Pavement Condition Report, which we will likely be able to extract from recent asset management plans, along with our annual Financial Information Return and the 2024 Asset Management Plan. Staff will also be required to submit follow up reporting as is usual for these grants.

On November 13, 2025, the Provincial Government announced the Road Safety Initiatives Fund to support increased road safety in school zones and community safety zones without using speed cameras that make life more expensive for drivers and taxpayers. Grand Valley qualifies for the first round of funding because we had deployed a municipal speed camera in our school zone. When possible, staff will bring Council information on the process to apply; however, if time is of the essence, the CAO may apply and notify Council after the fact so that the opportunity is not lost.

Financial Impact

The Town will realize up to \$38,000 to compensate for previously completed pothole work.

The Town may realize additional funding toward road safety projects.

Consultations

None

Attachments

Attachment 1- Road Safety Initiatives Fund announcement

Attachment 2- Pothole Prevention and Repair Program letter

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