Municipality of West Elgin
Agenda
Special Council Meeting

August 6, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
Recreation Centre
135 Queen Street
Rodney

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

   Recommendation:
   That West Elgin Council hereby adopts the Special Meeting Agenda of August 6, 2026, as presented.

3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

4. **Staff Reports**

4.1 2025 Reserve Transfers 1

Recommendation:
That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Emma Nilsson, Manager of Corporate Services/Treasurer;

That $23,169.07 be authorized to be transferred from the Road Reserve to fund the Kerr line resurfacing costs incurred in 2025;

That $24,442.41 be authorized to be transferred from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to the Arena Facility Upgrades Reserve to account for 2023 and 2024 interest earned; And

That $9,487.34 be authorized to be transferred from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to the Arena Dehumidification System Reserve to account for 2023 and 2024 interest earned.

4.2 Support for MFOA Advocating for a Permanent Doubling of OCIF 7

Recommendation:
That West Elgin Council receives the report from Emma Nilsson, Manager of Corporate Services/Treasurer; and

Whereas recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

Whereas the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;

Whereas municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

Whereas the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from $200M/year to $400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

Whereas the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

Whereas increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

Whereas municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity; And

Whereas the Municipal Finance Officers’ Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

That the Municipality of West Elgin support MFOA’s letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure; And

That the Treasurer be directed to provide a copy of this resolution to MFOA, the Acting Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Finance.

5. Statement from the Mayor

6. Confirmatory By-law 15

Recommendation:
That By-law 2026-47 being a By-law to confirm the proceeding of the Special Meeting of Council held on August 6, 2026, be read a first, second and third and final time.

7. Adjournment

Recommendation:
That the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin hereby adjourn the Special Meeting of Council at ________ to meet again at 4:00pm, on Thursday, August 13, 2026, or at the call of the Chair.

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Staff Report

Report To:	**Council Meeting**
From:	**Emma Nilsson, Manager of Corporate Services/Treasurer**
Date:	2026-08-06
Subject:	**2025 Reserve Transfers**

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Emma Nilsson, Manager of Corporate Services/Treasurer;

That $23,169.07 be authorized to be transferred from the Road Reserve to fund the Kerr line resurfacing costs incurred in 2025;

That $24,442.41 be authorized to be transferred from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to the Arena Facility Upgrades Reserve to account for 2023 and 2024 interest earned; And

That $9,487.34 be authorized to be transferred from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve to the Arena Dehumidification System Reserve to account for 2023 and 2024 interest earned.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council authorization for reserve transfers related to a capital expenditure incurred in 2025 that was not included in the approved capital budget and for reserve fund transfers relating to interest allocations dating back to 2023.

Background:

Kerr Line Resurfacing

As part of the 2025 year-end audit process, staff performed a detailed project-by-project review of all capital projects, comparing actual expenditures against the approved 2025 Capital Budget and any additional projects or budget amendments approved by Council after the budget was adopted. This review was undertaken to ensure that each capital expenditure had the appropriate Council authorization and identified funding source. Through this process, it was discovered that the Kerr Line resurfacing project did not have corresponding approved reserve transfers or sufficient approved capital budget funding. As a result, this report has been prepared to obtain Council authorization for the necessary funding transfers from the Roads Reserve and to ensure the Municipality's financial records accurately reflect the approved funding source for these expenditures.

In 2025, resurfacing work was completed on Kerr Line at a total cost of $61,169.07. The project was not included in the approved 2025 Budget but arose as an emergent operational requirement at the time in June 2025.

A review of available records indicates that the project proceeded and was completed. However, staff have been unable to determine why a report seeking Council approval for the associated reserve funding was not brought forward. As this expenditure predates current staff responsible for the administration of these projects and reserve accounts, the reason for the omission is unknown.

Subsequently, a grant through the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program for $38,000 was granted by the Ministry of Transportation towards covering costs for this project, leaving a remaining $23,169.07 to be funded through reserves.

The Roads Reserve exists to provide funding for road and public works related capital requirements and unforeseen infrastructure needs. This capital expenditure is directly related to Public Works operations and represents a legitimate municipal capital cost.

Therefore, given that the work has been completed and the expenditure incurred, it is recommended that Council pass a specific resolution in accordance with Policy AD 3.5 Reserves and Reserve Funds for the purpose of authorizing a reserve transfer of $23,169.07 from the associated Roads Reserve (01-3000-3003) to fund this project.

Approval of the requested transfer will regularize the funding source for expenditures already incurred and ensure that municipal financial records accurately reflect the funding of these capital assets.

<u>Interest on Reserve Funds</u>

Arena Facility Upgrades Reserve Fund (01-3000-3040):

On December 21, 2023, Resolution No. 2023-396 was made to create this reserve fund to transfer Kraft Hockeyville funds and to accumulate interest at the rate the municipality earns from the financial institution.

As part of the 2025 year-end audit process, it was discovered this interest transfer had not been completed. As such, it is recommended that Council pass a specific resolution in accordance with Policy AD 3.5 Reserves and Reserve Funds for the purpose of authorizing a reserve transfer from Tax Rate Stabilization of $24,442.41 to the 01-3000-3040 Arena Facility Upgrades Reserve Fund for 2023 & 2024 interest. As part of the 2025-year end, $11,933.06 of interest earned will be allocated to this reserve fund.

Arena Dehumidification Reserve Fund (01-3000-3042):

On December 21, 2023, Resolution No. 2023-396 was made to create this reserve fund and to accumulate interest at the rate the municipality earns from the financial institution.

As part of the 2025 year-end audit process, it was discovered this interest transfer had not been completed. As such, it is recommended that Council pass a specific resolution in accordance with Policy AD 3.5 Reserves and Reserve Funds for the purpose of authorizing a reserve transfer from Tax Rate Stabilization of $9,487.34 to the 01-3000-3042 Arena Dehumidification Reserve Fund for 2023 & 2024 interest. As part of the 202-year-end, $4,739.04 of interest earned will be allocated to this reserve fund.

Finally, the interest allocations may not have been completed at the time if these discretionary reserve funds were thought to be reserves, as under normal practice and Policy AD 3.5 Reserves and Reserve Funds, interest is not automatically allocated to reserves. However, Resolution No. 2023-396 specifically directed that the funds relating to general arena upgrades and the dehumidification system accumulate interest at the rate earned by the Municipality, making it a discretionary reserve fund, with this interest allocation differing from the treatment of standard reserves.

Financial Implications:

The following reserve transfers are requested:

Reserve (Fund)	Transfer In (Out)
01-3000-3003 RES-ROADS	($23,169.07)
01-3000-3014 RES- TAXRATE STABILIZATION	($33,929.75)
01-3000-3040 Arena Facility Upgrades	$24,442.41
01-3000-3042 Arena Dehumidification System	$9,487.34

Please refer to the '2025 Reserve Schedule- Unaudited' attachment for the ending 2025 reserve balances to see the effects of these proposed transfers. The ending balances are subject to change as 2025 audit has not yet been finalized.

Policies/Legislation:

Policy AD 3.5 Reserves and Reserve Funds
Resolution No. 2023- 396

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
☒ To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth.	☐ To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	☐ To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	☒ To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,
Emma Nilsson, Manager of Corporate Services/Treasurer

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	2025 Reserve Transfers - 2026-08-Corporate Services Finance.docx
Attachments:	- 2025 Reserve Schedule- Unaudited.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Jul 31, 2026

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Robin Greenall

Municipality of West Elgin - Reserve Schedule (Unaudited)

Account Number	Description	2025 Beg Balance	Transfer In	Transfer Out	2025 Balance
01-3000-3001	RES-WORKING CAPITAL	**760,228**			**760,228**
01-3000-3002	RES-CONTINGENCIES	**456,470**			**456,470**
01-3000-3003	RES-ROADS	**1,462,388**	363,862	(880,041)	**946,209**
01-3000-3004	RES-FIRE TRUCK	**585,749**	200,000	(699,984)	**85,764**
01-3000-3005	RES-RECREATION	**116,400**	70,000		**186,400**
01-3000-3006	RES-PARKLAND	**88,762**			**88,762**
01-3000-3007	RES-WASTE MANAGEMENT	**740,763**			**740,763**
01-3000-3008	RES-WATER CONSTRUCTION	**50,000**			**50,000**
01-3000-3010	Reserves - Developments	**61,446**			**61,446**
01-3000-3011	RES - MARINA/WASHROOMS	**50,000**			**50,000**
01-3000-3012	West Lorne Main Street Reconstruction Reserve	**25,748**			**25,748**
01-3000-3013	RES - GEN WATER CONSTRUCTIO	**96,702**			**96,702**
01-3000-3014	RES - TAXRATE STABILIZATION	**2,936,076**	15,000	(152,265)	**2,798,811**
01-3000-3016	RES-BUILDING/SEWAGE REVEN	**29,894**			**29,894**
01-3000-3017	RES-TRAILER PARK	**940,694**	192,932		**1,133,626**
01-3000-3018	RES-WL HERITAGE H. & HUB	**206,766**			**206,766**
01-3000-3019	RES-CN-RODNEY PARK LAND	**100,000**			**100,000**
01-3000-3020	RES-FIRE COMMUNICATIONS	**60,000**	30,000		**90,000**
01-3000-3021	RES-POLICING	**209,766**		(30,000)	**179,766**
01-3000-3022	RES-DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT	**250,000**			**250,000**
01-3000-3024	RES-MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	**423,302**		(48,911)	**374,391**
01-3000-3025	RES-MARINA PIER EXTENSION	**396,509**	-		**396,509**
01-3000-3026	Reserves - Marina Bridge	**120,000**	50,000		**170,000**
01-3000-3027	RES - Election	**21,457**	10,000	-	**31,457**
01-3000-3029	2021-2024 Capital Carried Forward	**540,000**	75,000	(67,115)	**547,885**
01-3000-3030	Reserve - Economic Development	**-**	60,000		**60,000**
01-3000-3031	County Roads Reserves	**247,251**		(7,505)	**239,746**
01-3000-3032	County Roads Reserves	**50,000**			**50,000**
01-3000-3034	Reserves - West Lorne Complex	**13,427**		(351)	**13,076**
01-3000-3035	Reserves - Rodney Library	**45,253**	9,999		**55,252**
01-3000-3036	Reserves - Animal Control	**9,583**			**9,583**
01-3000-3037	Reserves - Building Inspection	**115,894**	79,784		**195,678**
01-3000-3040	Arena Facillity Upgrades	**400,000**	36,375		**436,375**
01-3000-3042	Arena Dehumidification System	**190,000**	64,226	(111,853)	**142,373**
01-3000-3043	Parks & Recreation - Pool	**25,000**	50,000		**75,000**
01-3000-3044	Municipal Buildings - Old Town Hall Washroom Fund	**20,000**			**20,000**
01-3000-3045	Playground Equipment	**26,236**	50,000		**76,236**
01-3000-3050	Development Charges- Services Related to a Highway	**-**	-	-	**-**
01-3000-3051	Development Charges- Fire Protection Services	**-**	-	-	**-**
01-3000-3052	Development Charges- Parks and Recreation Services	**-**	-	-	**-**
01-3000-3053	Development Charges- Growth Studies	**-**	-	-	**-**
01-3000-3100	OCIF Funding	**1,149,273**	300,490	-	**1,449,763**
01-3000-3101	Canada Community Building Fund Reserve Fund	**368,349**	178,401		**546,750**
01-3000-3102	RES - PROVINCIAL GAS TAX	**29,817**	10,979		**40,796**
01-3000-3201	DISC RESERVES - RODNEY SEWAGE	**406,306**	108,124	(204,752)	**309,678**
01-3000-3202	DISC RESERVES - WEST LORNE SEWAGE	**511,561**	205,372		**716,933**
01-3000-3203	DISC RESERVES - WEST ELGIN WATER DEPT	**1,482,283**	413,484	-	**1,895,767**
		15,819,354	**2,574,029**	**(2,202,778)**	**16,190,604**

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Staff Report

Report To:	**Council Meeting**
From:	**Emma Nilsson, Manager of Corporate Services/Treasurer**
Date:	2026-08-06
Subject:	**Support for MFOA Advocating for a Permanent Doubling of OCIF**

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council receives the report from Emma Nilsson, Manager of Corporate Services/Treasurer; and

Whereas recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

Whereas the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;

Whereas municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

Whereas the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from $200M/year to $400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

Whereas the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

Whereas increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

Whereas municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity; And

Whereas the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

That the Municipality of West Elgin support MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure; And

That the Treasurer be directed to provide a copy of this resolution to MFOA, the Acting Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Finance.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to endorse the letter MFOA submitted to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure, requesting that the Government of Ontario make permanent the five-year doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF). Please refer to the ‘MFOA Letter to MOI permanent doubling of OCIF’ attachment.

Background:

MFOA has submitted a letter to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure, requesting that the Government of Ontario make permanent the five-year doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from $200 million/year to $400 million/year in advance of the 2027 OCIF allocation calculations. This letter stems from the importance of OCIF funding to support the maintenance of existing municipal infrastructure.

Since its introduction in 2014, the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) has become a critical source of predictable infrastructure funding for small, rural and northern municipalities. Originally established at $100 million annually and subsequently expanded to approximately $400 million per year, OCIF provides formula-based funding that helps municipalities address growing infrastructure needs related to roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems.

For municipalities such as West Elgin, OCIF funding plays an essential role in maintaining and rehabilitating core assets while helping to manage the burden on local property taxpayers. As infrastructure costs continue to rise and municipalities face significant asset replacement pressures, a permanent doubling of OCIF would provide long-term funding certainty, strengthen municipalities' ability to plan and deliver critical capital projects, and help ensure that essential public infrastructure remains safe and reliable for residents. For these reasons, it is important that the Municipality of West Elgin supports the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario's advocacy for a permanent increase in OCIF funding.

For a more in-depth history on the OCIF funding stream, please refer to the ‘History of OCIF’ attachment.

Financial Implications:

None at this time.

Policies/Legislation:

N/A

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

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☒ To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth.	☐ To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	☐ To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	☐ To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Emma Nilsson, Manager of Corporate Services/Treasurer

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Support for MFOA Advocating for a Permanent Doubling of OCIF - 2026-07-Corporate Services Finance.docx
Attachments:	- MFOA Letter to MOI permanent doubling of OCIF.pdf - History of OCIF.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Jul 30, 2026

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Robin Greenall

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Acting Minister of Infrastructure
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

June 25, 2026

Dear Minister McCarthy,

RE: Making permanent the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that is scheduled to end after the 2026 allocation

I am writing on behalf of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario, and the municipalities it serves, to request that the Government of Ontario make permanent the five-year doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from $200 million/year to $400 million/year in advance of the 2027 OCIF allocation calculations.

The Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) is the professional association of municipal finance officers with more than 2,300 individual members. We represent individuals who are responsible for handling the financial affairs of municipalities and who are key advisors to councils. MFOA is a strong advocate for best practices that encourage long-term fiscal sustainability, including long-term financial planning and asset management planning.

In recent years, governments at all levels have reoriented their priorities to address the ongoing housing crisis, with heightened attention on growth-related infrastructure and increasing housing production. Application-based or incentive-based funding programs for municipalities have placed greater emphasis on growth-related or housing-enabling capital projects (e.g., Development Charge Reduction Program, Building Communities Strong Fund – Community Stream, Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, Building Faster Fund). OCIF remains one of the few federal or provincial funding programs where the focus remains primarily on the preservation and renewal of existing infrastructure to maintain or improve municipal service levels.

With support from the Government of Ontario and MFOA, municipalities have made significant improvements to their municipal asset management plans and programs. The Government of Ontario introduced O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) in late 2017, which provided a standard framework for infrastructure planning. To support the transition to O. Reg. 588/17, MFOA has partnered with the Government of Ontario on many asset management initiatives, including guides, workshops, direct consulting support and other resources. As a result of these and significant municipal efforts, most municipalities in Ontario have an asset management inventory that identifies their infrastructure assets, including conditions, replacement costs and renewal schedules of those assets.

By leveraging municipal asset management plans in 2020, the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario estimated the state-of-good-repair backlog to be $52.1 billion for core municipal infrastructure. That is an estimated cost of restoring such infrastructure to a 'good' condition. The report notably focused primarily on core assets and thus likely understated the full extent of the backlog. Addressing this should not be a priority that falls by the wayside due to an increased focus on growth-related capital projects by other funding programs. OCIF's flexible design provides municipalities with the opportunity to fund asset management staff, which can improve data and analysis quality, and it provides a critical means by which municipalities address the infrastructure funding challenges identified in their asset management plans.

In 2021, the Government of Ontario doubled OCIF for a five-year period. Minister Surma, in announcing that initiative, commented that the Government of Ontario was "providing stability and predictability to small, rural and northern communities as they repair, upgrade and modernize their critical infrastructure so that they are safer, healthier and more reliable for all." And Minister Bethlenfalvy said that "by nearly doubling our investment in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, our government is supporting public safety, job creation and economic growth." In the current climate of geopolitical uncertainty, tariffs and the resulting economic shocks and instability, the need to provide municipalities predictability and to preserve and enhance the economic activity and benefits provided by well-supported and well-maintained municipal infrastructure is as imperative as it was in 2021.

We have also heard from our members on this matter. Municipalities outside of high-growth regions have expressed concern about the diminishing level of grant funding opportunities for municipalities trying to preserve the economic value of their existing infrastructure. Additionally, while growing municipalities have made significant efforts to emplace new, housing-enabling infrastructure, which has been rewarded through the Building Faster Fund, many of their state-of-good-repair capital plans remain underfunded. To maximize the economic potential of federal and provincial investment in infrastructure, all orders of government must work together to preserve service levels and the public value of existing infrastructure, and permanently doubling OCIF to $400 million/year will especially help small and rural municipalities preserve that economic foundation throughout Ontario.

By adopting a Team Ontario approach during recent and ongoing economic challenges, we have seen how significant progress can be made when municipalities and the provincial government work together to achieve a common goal. Should you wish to follow up on this letter, please contact MFOA Executive Director, Donna Herridge (donna@mfoa.on.ca).

Sincerely,

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Dr. Adam Found, Ph.D., PLE
President and Chair

cc. Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
cc. Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance

History and Timeline of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was announced in 2014 to support core infrastructure needs in small, rural and northern municipalities. The program was initially designed to provide $100 million annually for local road, bridge, water and wastewater projects. At the time, half of the funding was distributed through a formula-based allocation, intended to reflect differences in municipal infrastructure and fiscal needs, while the remaining $50 million was delivered through an application-based stream. Eligibility was focused on municipalities with populations under 100,000, as well as municipalities located in northern or rural Ontario.[1]

OCIF was later expanded through the 2016 Ontario Budget, which committed to increasing the program to $300 million annually by 2018–19 to further support infrastructure projects in small, rural and northern communities.[2] Under this expanded structure, formula-based funding increased to $200 million annually, while the application-based stream was expected to increase to $100 million annually. However, in 2019, the Province indicated that fiscal circumstances prevented the full expansion of OCIF, resulting in the cancellation of the top-up application component, while maintaining the increase in formula-based funding to $200 million for that year.[3]

In 2021, the Province announced a further expansion of OCIF through the Fall Economic Statement, committing an additional $1 billion over five years. This brought the total OCIF investment to nearly $2 billion over the 2022-2026 period, or about $400 million per year. Beginning in 2022, allocations continued to be based on a formula recognizing the different needs and economic conditions of communities across Ontario, with the minimum annual allocation increasing from $50,000 to $100,000 per community.[4]

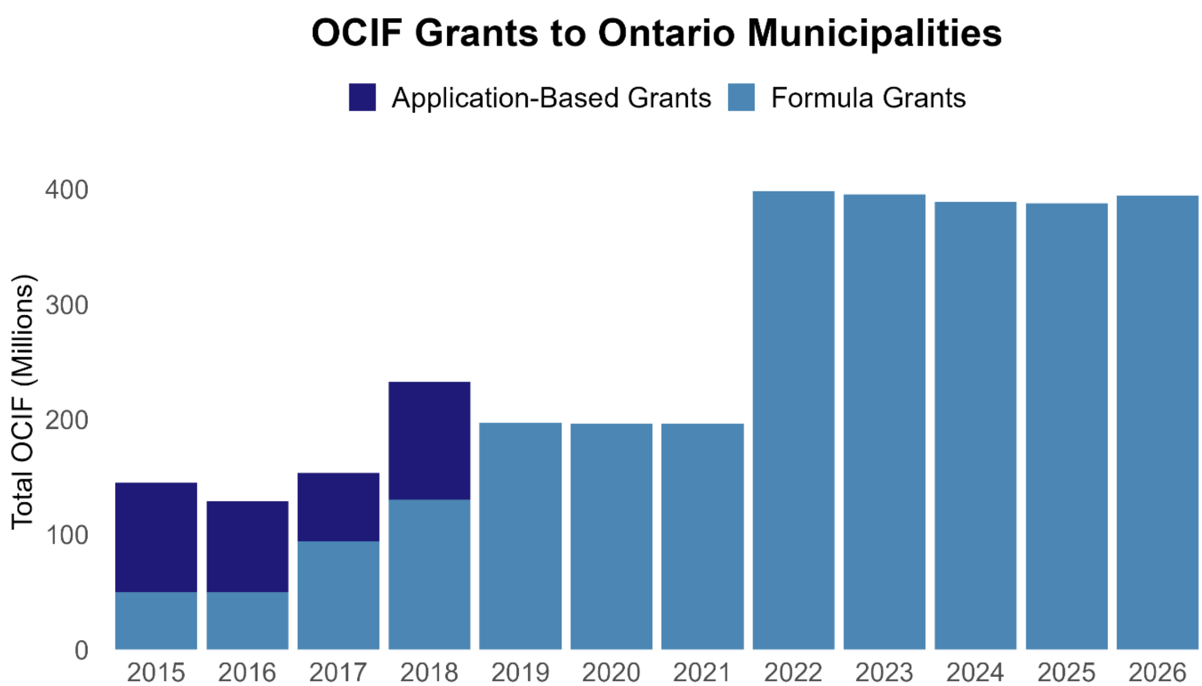
Starting with the 2023 allocations, the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI) updated the OCIF formula to incorporate current replacement values for eligible core infrastructure, shifting from the use of historic cost data to CRVs. A municipality's core infrastructure was calculated using either asset management plan CRV estimates or MOI's CRV estimates for eligible core infrastructure categories. Starting with the 2024 OCIF cycle, the Ministry introduced a standardized Excel-based CRV template to collect municipal CRV data more consistently, building on the initial 2023 shift from historic cost data to current

[1] Province Supporting the Infrastructure Needs of Small Communities | Ontario Newsroom
[2] 2016 Ontario Budget | Backgrounder: Building Tomorrow's Infrastructure Now
[3] Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). *Ontario Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program Review and the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, 2019.*
[4] Building Ontario with Investments in Critical Infrastructure for Small, Rural and Northern Communities | Ontario Newsroom

replacement values.[5] A smoothing mechanism was also implemented to generally limit changes in 2023 funding to within ±15 percent of prior year's allocations.[6]

In 2026, 423 small, rural and northern communities across Ontario are receiving approximately $400 million in OCIF funding to renew and rehabilitate critical infrastructure. Starting this year, the minimum grant amount has increased from $100,000 to $125,000. The smoothing mechanism has also been adjusted, generally limiting year-over-year changes in 2026 allocations to within ±10 percent of 2025 grants.[7] However, as 2026 is the final year of the current five-year funding commitment, municipalities are seeking greater clarity on the future of the program.

The graph below shows annual OCIF grants to Ontario municipalities from 2015 to 2026, including both formula-based and application-based grants where applicable. Totals are based on actual approved yearly grants from MOI data and may not fully match announced OCIF allocation amounts.



Source: MFOA chart, based on data from Ontario's Ministry of Infrastructure.

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[5] Ministry of Infrastructure, *Ministry of Infrastructure – Update*, presentation at the 2024 Municipal Finance Officers' Association Annual Conference, September 2024.
[6] Ministry of Infrastructure, *Information Session: 2023 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Formula Calculation*, 2023.
[7] [Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund recipients - Dataset - Ontario Data Catalogue]

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The Corporation of The Municipality of West Elgin

By-Law No. 2026-47

Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council held on August 6, 2026.

Whereas Section 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by council; and

Whereas Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, the powers of Council shall be exercised by by-law; and

Whereas it is deemed expedient that proceedings of Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin as herein set forth be confirmed and adopted by by-law.

Now therefore the Council of the Municipality of West Elgin enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Special meeting of Council held on August 6, 2026, in respect of each recommendation, motion and resolution and other action taken by the Council at this meeting, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.

2. The Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council referred to in the preceding section hereof.

3. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix the Seal of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Elgin.

Read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 6th day of August 2026.

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Richard Leatham, Mayor

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Terri Towstiuc, Clerk