



REPORT TO: Co-Chairs and Members of the Corporate Services Committee

SUBJECT: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)
Allocations for 2012

RECOMMENDATION

That this report **BE RECEIVED** for information.

PURPOSE

Business or Financial reporting.

BUSINESS IMPLICATION

Not applicable.

REPORT

On January 23, 2012 The Ministry of Finance announced the release of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations for 2012. See attached announcement.

The OMPF, which replaced the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF) in 2005, is the Province's main transfer payment to municipalities. Its objectives are to:

- assist municipalities with their social program costs;
- support areas with limited property assessment;
- address challenges faced by northern and rural communities; and
- respond to policing costs in rural communities.

As part of the Provincial–Municipal Fiscal Service Delivery Review and beginning in 2008, Niagara started to receive uploading benefit from the province. Since that time, municipal benefits have been calculated as a combination of both OMPF grants and provincial uploads. In 2010 Niagara stopped receiving OMPF funding. The attached appendix 1 illustrates the uploads to date as well as the uses of the upload.

Starting in 2012, the combined upload benefit includes the upload of court security and prisoner transportation costs, as well as additional Ontario Works administration funding provided by the Province. In the 2012 Regional budget, the Ontario Works upload will continue to be used to help offset the costs of rising caseloads, whereas the new upload for court security costs will be allocated to help reduce the police employee future benefit liability.

Also attached to this report (Appendix 2) is an aggregation of the OMPF announcements for the Region's 12 local municipalities. The OMPF data sheets include funding for the following areas: OMPF Grant Components, Transitional Assistance and other Ongoing Provincial Support Payments. For purposes of this report OMPF funding is considered to be comprised of OMPF grant components and transitional assistance. The total amount expected to be received in aggregate for the local municipalities' amounts to \$13 million. This is a reduction of \$688 thousand or 5% lower than what was received in 2011. Also included on this schedule are the amounts included for other ongoing provincial supports of gas tax revenue for those eligible municipalities (\$5.4M).

Detailed information on the OMPF announcement for each local municipality can be found on the Ministry's website following this link

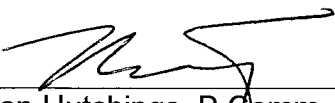
<http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ompf/2012>


PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

Not applicable.

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Attachment

Niagara Region

Levy						
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Niagara's Portion of Provincial Uploading		\$ 6,598,883	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 14,254,268	\$ 14,300,000	\$ 2,312,332
(Niagara's OMPF loss)				(8,300,000)		
				\$ 5,954,268		
Use of Upload						
Provincial Program Support						
ODSP	(Caseload Increase)	1,722,367	852,967			
Ontario Works	(Caseload Increase)		450,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	1,223,000
Children's Services	(Reduction in Funding)			1,500,000		
EMS	(Patient Delays as Result of NHS Hospital Improvement Plan)	53,287	920,000		1,600,000	
NHS	Hospital Improvement Plan)					
Family day	(Contribution to New Hospital)		500,000			
	(Provincial Declaration)	243,606				
Total - Provincial Program Support		2,019,260	2,722,967	4,000,000	4,100,000	1,223,000
Regional Use						
MPAC	(Increase)	100,000				
Development Charges	(Relief Fund for Businesses)				100,000	
Debt charges	(Increases due to infrastructure needs)				6,693,354	
Police	(2010 Benefits)				250,000	
Police	(2012 Employee Future Benefits)					912,332
Total (of all uses)		2,119,260	2,722,967	4,000,000	11,143,354	2,135,332
Remaining Amount Applied to Levy		\$ 4,479,623	\$ 1,277,033	\$ 1,954,268	\$ 3,156,646	\$ 177,000

2011 & 2012 OMPF for Niagara Municipalities

Municipality	2011		2012		Inc. /Dec %	2011		2012		Inc. /Dec %
	OMPf Grant Component & Transitional Assistance	OMPf Grant Component & Transitional Assistance	OMPf Grant Component & Transitional Assistance	\$ Inc./ (Dec.)		On-going Prov. Support/Gas Tax	On-going Prov. Support/Gas Tax	On-going Prov. Support/Gas Tax	\$ Inc./ (Dec.)	
Fort Erie	63,400	57,100	(6,300)	-10%	-10%	275,000	244,100	-	(30,900)	-11%
Grimsby	220,400	198,400	(22,000)	-10%	-10%					
Lincoln	847,500	762,800	(84,700)	-10%	-10%	450,900	458,800	7,900	7,900	2%
Niagara Falls	2,270,200	2,043,200	(227,000)	-10%	-10%	1,106,200	1,144,100	37,900	37,900	3%
N-O-T-L	1,078,600	970,800	(107,800)	-10%	-10%					
Pelham	18,800	17,000	(1,800)	-10%	-10%					
Port Colborne	2,446,900	2,384,000	(62,900)	-3%	-3%	78,600	85,300	6,700	6,700	9%
St. Catharines	1,755,400	1,579,900	(175,500)	-10%	-10%	2,624,526	2,624,500	(26)	(26)	0%
Thorold	278,700	250,900	(27,800)	-10%	-10%	245,600	247,700	2,100	2,100	1%
Wainfleet	487,400	492,700	5,300	1%	1%					
Welland	3,364,800	3,463,400	98,600	3%	3%	589,700	599,800	10,100	10,100	2%
W. Lincoln	830,900	754,600	(76,300)	-9%	-9%					
Totals	13,663,000	12,974,800	(688,200)	-5%	-5%	5,370,526	5,404,300	33,774	33,774	1%