



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Committee of the Whole  
From: Commissioner of Finance  
Report: #2017-COW-66  
Date: March 1, 2017

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**Subject:**

Green Municipal Fund Grant Funding for the approved solid waste management study of options for long term organics management, including anaerobic digestion

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**Recommendation:**

That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Regional Council:

That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the Funding Agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to allow for the disbursement of Green Municipal Fund grant funding of up to \$175,000 to assist the Region in funding the approved ongoing study of long term organics waste management options, including anaerobic digestion.

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**Report:**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 In order to receive funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) under the Green Municipal Fund (GMF), the Region must enter into a Funding Agreement. The purpose of this report is to authorize the Commissioner of Finance to execute the GMF Funding Agreement to receive the grant funding of up to \$175,000 to offset the cost approved through the 2016 Solid Waste Management Operations Budget to complete Parts 1 and 2 of the Solid Waste Management study of options for long term organics management, including anaerobic digestion.

**2. Background**

2.1 Based on Regional Council direction on February 17, 2016 (Report #2016-J-7), Regional staff retained (through RFP 602-2016) consultant GHD Limited to complete a three part study of long-term organics management options include anaerobic digestion. As previously reported, the first two parts including business case analysis, service delivery analysis and risk assessment considering the entire integrated waste management system as well as pending changes to the regulatory and funding framework in Ontario.

- 2.2 The third part of the GHD study totalling \$0.8 million involves siting, regulatory confirmation and contractual and procurement development, and funding is included within the 2017 Solid Waste Management capital budget but is subject to Regional Council's approval of the results and recommendations from the Part 1 and 2 of the study, anticipated to be reported prior to the 2017 summer recess.
- 2.3 In late 2016, Regional staff submitted the application for study funding to FCM based upon GMF Feasibility Study Funding criteria.

### **3. Current Studies**

- 3.1 The Region received written correspondence from the FCM dated February 2, 2017 (Attachment #1) endorsing that the funding application was successful and subject to completing the Funding agreement, the Region would receive up to \$175,000 or 49 per cent of the \$355,000 cost for Parts 1 and 2 of the study. Arrangements are underway for the public announcement (permission to report to Regional Council was received by FCM).

### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 In order to receive funding under the GMF, a Funding Agreement must be entered into between the Region and the FCM. It is recommended that the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the Funding Agreement to allow for the disbursement of the grant funding related to the Solid Waste Management study of organics management options, including anaerobic digestion (Parts 1 and 2).

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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R.J. Clapp, CPA, CA  
Commissioner of Finance

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original signed by

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G.H. Cubitt, MSW  
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment



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**Title of initiative:** Financial and Technical Feasibility Study for the Region of Durham's Integrated Waste Management System Utilizing Anaerobic Digestion  
**Application number:** GMF 15161

Dear Regional Chair Anderson and Members of Regional Council:

On behalf of the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Council and FCM's Executive Committee, I would like to congratulate the Regional Municipality of Durham on its successful funding application for the above-noted initiative. It is my pleasure to confirm that the Regional Municipality of Durham has been approved for a grant in the amount of up to \$175,000.

In the near future, Ms. Nathalie Lapointe will contact the Regional Municipality of Durham to finalize the agreement for this funding. FCM's obligation to fund the above-noted initiative will only become binding once the agreement is signed.

Public announcements regarding GMF-funded initiatives are overseen by FCM in partnership with the Government of Canada. A GMF communications officer will contact the Regional Municipality of Durham to discuss the process for a public announcement. Until that time, before making any public statements related to the status of the application process for GMF funding, please contact us at 613-907-6208 or by e-mail at [gmf@fcm.ca](mailto:gmf@fcm.ca).

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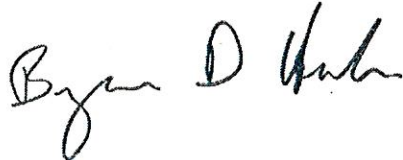
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Thank you for your interest in GMF. We look forward to working with you to improve the quality of life in your community, and to sharing the results of your initiative with communities across Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Henderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ben Henderson  
Chair, Green Municipal Fund Council

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cc: Mr. R.J. Clapp, Commissioner of Finance, Regional Municipality of Durham