



The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie

COUNCIL REPORT

July 14, 2025

TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council
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RE: 2025 Connecting Link Funding Agreement

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to enter into a contribution agreement with the Province for a Connecting Link grant for the resurfacing of Great Northern Road from Third Line East to Wigle Street.

Background

The Province recently announced that the City's 2025 Connecting Link application was approved. The City will be the recipient of up to \$2,993,720 in funds for eligible costs for the resurfacing of Great Northern Road from Third Line East to Wigle Street. The Province has recognized the need to assist the City with the movement of provincial traffic through City streets in the absence of the ability to by-pass Sault Ste. Marie.

Analysis

In order to access the funds, it is necessary to enter into a contribution agreement with the Province. While the funding announcement was received in the spring, the City has only now received the agreement for execution. Provincial staff had previously advised that the City could proceed without the funding agreement therefore construction is now under way.

Financial Implications

This amount is included within the combined 2025 City and Connecting Link budget of \$3,326,355.

Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact

Resurfacing is linked to the infrastructure focus area of the corporate strategic plan.

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

The relevant By-law 2025-113 is listed under item 12 of the Agenda and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

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Respectfully submitted,

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