



**The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie**

C O U N C I L R E P O R T

March 23, 2026

TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council
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DEPARTMENT: Public Works and Engineering Services
RE: Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program – Health and Safety Water Stream Contribution Agreement

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform Council that the City has entered into a contribution agreement with the Provincial Government for the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program – Health and Safety Water Stream Fund (MHIP-HSWS).

Background

In 2024, the City completed a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to study overland and basement flooding in the Peoples Road Area. One recommendation from the study was to construct four new stormwater management ponds. These ponds were to be located near Elliott Fields, along Peoples Road near Hillside Drive, and near the cemetery.

The Ministry of Infrastructure recently approved the Peoples Road Stormwater Management Ponds project, submitted as the City’s application under the MHIP-HSWS, which will contribute a maximum of \$2,487,018 towards the total eligible costs of this project.

Analysis

In order to access the grant, it is necessary for the City to enter into a contribution agreement with the Province. The Peoples Road Stormwater Management Ponds are included in the Capital Transportation Program in the years 2027 and 2028. This agreement has been executed through the CAO’s delegated authority.

Financial Implications

The estimated cost of the Peoples Road Stormwater Management Ponds is \$3,406,875, with \$2,487,018 coming from the MHIP-HSWS and the remainder funded by the City.

Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact

Improvements to core infrastructure, such as stormwater management ponds, are aligned with the corporate strategic plan's infrastructure focus area.

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By creating storage for stormwater, ponds reduce the amount of urban flooding, which is a mitigating factor to adapting to climate change.

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

Resolved that the report of the Director of Engineering dated March 23, 2026 concerning the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program – Health and Safety Water Stream Contribution Agreement be received as information.

Respectfully submitted,

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