



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Community Program for Stormwater Management Grant Approvals

Date:	January 29, 2007
To:	Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
From:	General Manager, Toronto Water
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P:\2007\Cluster B\TW\pw07005

SUMMARY

This report recommends approval of grants to community organizations to carry out stormwater management projects that were submitted to the Community Program for Stormwater Management for the November 1, 2006 application deadline.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Toronto Water and the Chair, Community Program for Stormwater Management (CPSM) Selection Committee recommend that:

1. the following projects be approved for funding under the Community Program for Stormwater Management:
 - a. Toronto Beach Restoration, Stewardship and Monitoring (Toronto Bay Initiative);
 - b. U of T Parking Lot Catch Basin Insert Pilot Project (University of Toronto Sustainability Office);
 - c. Black Creek Project: 25th Anniversary (Black Creek Project);
 - d. Moccasin Trail Wetland Interpretive Signs (Task Force to Bring Back the Don);
 - e. Downspout Gardens (North American Native Plant Society);
 - f. Greenroof (Central Technical School);
 - g. Hugh Garner Housing Co-operative Green Roof (Hugh Garner Co-op Green Committee); and

2. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cash flow requirements for the projects recommended in this report, including an administrative fee for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) have been included in the recommended Toronto Water 2007 Capital Budget (CWW477-03, Public Education).

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of September 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2003, in adopting Clause No. 42 of Report No. 9 of the Policy and Finance Committee, adopted the Wet Weather Flow Management Master Plan and Wet Weather Flow Management Policy and approved the administration of a community outreach program supporting the Wet Weather Flow Management Master Plan by TRCA. This report can be viewed at: <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2003/agendas/council/cc030922/pof9rpt/cl042.pdf>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Community Program for Stormwater Management (CPSM) provides grants to community organizations and NGOs to carry out projects that advance the goals and objectives of the Wet Weather Flow Master Plan. Grant applications are reviewed two or three times per year by the CPSM Selection Committee, where recommendations are made for funding approval by City Council. The program has been running since 2004 and is administered by the TRCA.

The CPSM Selection Committee is chaired by Irene Jones, and includes two TRCA staff representatives, one Toronto and Region Remedial Action Plan Team member from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, and five City staff representatives from: Toronto Water (2), Communications (1), Parks, Forestry and Recreation (1) and Toronto Public Health (1).

COMMENTS

Eight applications were received and reviewed by the CPSM Selection Committee for the November 1, 2006 application deadline. The applications and the recommendations of the Selection Committee are summarized in the following table.

Project #	Project Name	Project Manager and Affiliation	Requested Funds	Recommendations of Selection Committee
2006-08	Highland Creek Pathway – Phase 1	Cathy Humphrey, <i>Friends of Highland Creek</i>	\$25,000	Decline – With the following action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Toronto staff to inquire as to whether this initiative can be undertaken through another City funding source. It was recognized that the project is valuable, however trail construction does not fit within the objectives of this funding program.
2006-09	Toronto Beach Restoration, Stewardship and Monitoring	Bill McMartin, <i>Toronto Bay Initiative</i>	\$24,140	Approval – With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any communication products created through this projects will need sign off from the City of Toronto prior to finalization.
2006-10	U of T Parking Lot Catch Basin Insert Pilot Project	Chris Caners, <i>University of Toronto Sustainability Office</i>	\$12,125	Approval– With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project will need to be assessed by the MOE Environmental Assessments Branch prior to funding transfer to ensure that there are no approvals required to install the catch basin inserts. The CPSM committee can assist the proponent with this action. The proponent needs to provide more details about the intended proper disposal of the used filters. Any communication products created through this projects will need sign off from the City of Toronto prior to finalization.
2006 -11	Black Creek Project: 25 th Anniversary	Gaspar Horvath, <i>Black Creek Project</i>	\$10,000	Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any communication products created through this projects will need sign off from the City of Toronto prior to finalization. Sign off from City of Toronto Parks staff is required for project site locations.

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2006 -12	Moccasin Trail Wetland Interpretive Signs	Aynsley Morris, <i>Task Force to Bring Back the Don</i>	\$5,100	Approval – With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any communication products created through this projects will need sign off from the City of Toronto prior to finalization.
2006 -13	Downspout Gardens	Deborah Dale, <i>North American Native Plant Society(NANPS)</i>	\$25,000	Approval – With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Toronto and TRCA staff would like to review the previously produced brochure for updates prior to its reprinting. As the CPSM does not generally support the purchase of electronic equipment, the group is asked to rent a projector opposed to purchase it. Alternatively, if purchasing is the only option, the group is asked to surrender the unit to the Sustainability Network so it can be made available for other Not-for-Profit groups to borrow. NANPS to work with Paul Albanese of the City of Toronto to ensure there is permission to carry out work on the proposed lands.
2006 -14	Hugh Garner Housing Co-operative Green Roof	Carolyn Moss, <i>Hugh Garner Housing Co-operative Green Committee</i>	\$25,000	Approval – With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any communication products that recognize the City as a funding sponsor of this project will need sign off from the City of Toronto prior to finalization. Because significant fundraising is still needed for the project to be fully implemented, the standard 25% advance for CPSM projects would not be given until funds are confirmed and implementation is occurring.

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2006 -15	Greenroof	Paul Gorcey, <i>Central Technology School</i>	\$4,539	Approval – With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any communication products created through this projects will need sign off from the City of Toronto prior to finalization.

Approval of the above projects would result in a total funding commitment of \$116,494.40. This includes \$105,904 in grants for the seven recommended projects and a 10% administration fee of \$10,590.40 for the TRCA. With the approval of these projects and pending approval of Toronto Water's recommended 2007 Capital Budget, \$250,000 will be available for additional project funding in 2007.

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