



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Community Program for Storm Water Management Grant Approvals

Date:	May 15, 2007
To:	Public Works & Infrastructure Committee
From:	Lou Di Gironimo, General Manager, Toronto Water
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P:\2007\Cluster B\TW\pw07019 (AFS# 3675)

SUMMARY

This report recommends approval of grants to community organizations to carry out storm water management projects that were submitted to the Community Program for Storm Water Management for the April 5, 2007 application deadline.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. the following projects be approved for funding under the Community Program for Storm Water Management:
 - a. Human River Campaign - Toronto Public Space Committee
 - b. Stormwater Management (Home Improvement) – Toronto Chinese for Ecological Living
 - c. East Don Parkland Natural Heritage Restoration Program – East Don Parkland Partners
 - d. Black Creek Steep Slope Interception Initiative – Black Creek Conservation Project of Toronto
 - e. Reducing Run Off in the Don Valley - Evergreen
 - f. Stormwater Harvesting and Low Flush Toilets: Conservation and Reuse in the Green Arts Building - Artscape
2. the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total value of projects identified in this report is \$131,591.90 including a 10% administrative fee for TRCA. Funding is available in the approved 2007 Toronto Water Capital Budget, WBS Element CWW447-03 - Storm Water Management – 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.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2003/agendas/council/cc030922/pof9rpt/cl042.pdf>

The cash flow requirements for 2007 have been approved in the Toronto Water 2007 Capital Budget (CWW477-03, Public Education).

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Community Program for Storm Water Management 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 CPSWM Selection Committee, who recommends a list for approval by City Council. The program has been running since 2004 and is administered by the TRCA.

The CPSWM Selection Committee is chaired by Irene Jones, and includes two TRCA staff representatives, one Toronto and Region Remedial Action Plan Team member from 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

Ten applications were received and reviewed by the CPSWM Selection Committee for the April 5, 2007 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
2007-01	Human River Campaign	Liz Forsberg and Georgia Ydreos, Toronto Public Space Committee	\$15, 584	Approval – With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure materials distributed at events state the reminder “do not litter” • Consultation with City of Toronto communications staff must be done for any communications products created as part of this project • Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted.
2007-02	Wetland Restoration & Stormwater Management	Michael Gauthier, Centennial College (Environmental Student Society)	\$24,655	Decline – With the following noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of community involvement/outreach opportunities. • Lack of deliverables – no implementation component
2007-03	Stormwater Management (Home Improvement)	William To, Toronto Chinese for Ecological Living (TCEL)	\$17,245	Approval– With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is conditional on completion of final report from Spring 2006 funding. • Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted. • Consultation with City of Toronto communications staff must be done for any communications projects created as part of this project.
2007 -04	Greening Toronto's Gardens	Nadia Bellio, Toronto Green Community	\$25,000	Decline: Committee requests the group resubmit Fall 2007 with consideration of the following recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus more on stormwater management

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2007 -05	East Don Parkland Natural Heritage Restoration Program	Phil Goodwin, East Don Parkland Partners	\$14,800	Approval – With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement water maintenance plan • Utilize opportunities for education on how-to-mitigate the impacts of stormwater (i.e. raise awareness in newsletter, at the planting events, etc.) • Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted.
2007 -06	WaterSmart Stormwater Management for Homeowners: Public Education and Outreach	Christopher Hilkene, Clean Water Foundation	\$23,725	Decline: Committee requests the group resubmit Fall 2007 with consideration of the following recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More action oriented. • Consider building-on information produced by other groups. • Consider completing social market survey, etc.
2007 -07	Black Creek Steep Slope Interception Initiative	Gaspar Horvath, Black Creek Conservation Project of Toronto	\$25,000	Approval – With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement water maintenance plan. • Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted.
2007 -08	Reducing Run off in the Don Valley	Marni Sims, Evergreen	\$22,000	Approval – With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include aquatic plantings at site. • Less herbaceous planting. • Strengthen stormwater component of educational/outreach workshops. • Proof of insurance must be submitted.

Project #	Project Name	Project Manager and Affiliation	Requested Funds	Recommendations of Selection Committee
2007-09	Building Community for Toronto's Water Pollution Solution	Emily Alfred, Riversides	\$18,543	Decline: Committee requests the group resubmit Fall 2007 with consideration of the following recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete outstanding project. • Conduct outreach/educational workshops during fall/winter months. • Ensure workshops are held at locations throughout the City.
2007-10	Stormwater Harvesting and Low Flush Toilets: Conservation & Reuse in the Green Arts Barns	Elizabeth Dagleish	\$25,000	Approval – With the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure contractors, engineers, builders are provided with tours of the building to discuss and showcase the incorporation of the stormwater harvesting technologies. • Ensure the public is provided with opportunities (i.e. tours) to visit the site and learn more about these technologies, etc. • Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted.

Approval of the above projects would result in a total funding commitment of \$131,592. This includes \$119,629 for the six recommended projects and a 10% administration fee of \$11,963 for the TRCA.

With the approval of these projects, funding of \$118,408 will remain available for new projects in 2007. A second round of applications will be considered in the fall with a tentative application deadline in the first week of October, 2007.

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