



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Community Program for Stormwater Management
Grant Approvals**

Date:	October 19, 2009
To:	Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
From:	General Manager, Toronto Water
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P:\2009\Cluster B\TW\pw09028

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 September 11, 2009 application deadline.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. The following projects be approved for funding in the amount of \$204,242, net of GST including a 10% administrative fee for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) under the Community Program for Stormwater Management:
 - a. Black Creek Project’s Riparian and Steep Slope Planting Program – Black Creek Conservation Project of Toronto (BCCP) - \$25,000
 - b. Tiffany Gates Foods Rainwater Re-Use Irrigation Project – Partners in Project Green - \$25,000
 - c. Stormwater Management ; Wastewater, Drinking Water – Toronto Chinese for Ecological Living (TCEL) - \$12,816.50
 - d. Stormwater Flow Atlas – Pollution Probe - \$24,109
 - e. Managing Storm Water at Evergreen Brickworks – Evergreen - \$23,750
 - f. The North Garden Expansion Project; IRC School Grounds Revitalization Project – Indian Road Crescent Junior Public School’s Greening Committee - \$25,000
 - g. Residential Rainproofing – Citizens for a Safe Environment - \$25,000
 - h. St. Rita’s Catholic School Stormwater Management and Greening Project – Green Here - \$25,000

2. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to take effect thereto.

Financial Impact

The total value of projects identified in this report is \$204,242 net of GST, including a 10% administrative fee for TRCA and is included in the approved 2009 Toronto Water Capital Budget, WBS Element CWW447-03 – Wet Weather Flow Master Plan – Public Education.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of September 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2003, 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>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Community Program for Stormwater 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), Parks, Forestry and Recreation (2) and Communications (1).

COMMENTS

Thirteen applications were received and reviewed by the CPSWM Selection Committee for the September 11, 2009 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
2009-1	Black Creek Project's Riparian and Steep Slope Planting Program	Gaspar Horvath, <i>Black Creek Conservation Project of Toronto (BCCP)</i>	\$25,000	Approved
2009-2	Tiffany Gates Foods Rainwater Re-Use Irrigation Project	Chris Rickett, <i>Partners in Project Green</i>	\$25,000	Approved (conditional) - with the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application needs to be resubmitted under the signature of the Chair of Partners in Project Green, Toby Lennox. • TRCA and the City of Toronto are to be added as an additional insured for the purpose of this project in the certificate of insurance. • Partners in Project Green need to address the CPSWM Committee's concerns in terms of the location of the storage facility.
2009-3	Stormwater Management – Wastewater, Drinking Water	William To, <i>Toronto Chinese for Ecological Living (TCEL)</i>	\$12,816.50	Approved
2009-4	Warden-Danforth Sustainable Environment Group	Md. Monirul Islam, <i>Warden – Danforth Sustainable Environment Management Group</i>	\$25,000	Declined - due to the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget does not reflect the project proposal. • Proposal conflicts with TRCA's aquatic objectives. • Proposal needs to be more focused.
2009-5	Toronto Tree Tours	Robin Sutherland, <i>Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF)</i>	\$23,820	Declined - due to the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires an implementation component (eg. tree planting).

Project #	Project Name	Project Manager and Affiliation	Requested Funds	Recommendations of Selection Committee
2009-6	Stormwater Flow Atlas	Sasha Kebo, <i>Pollution Probe</i>	\$24,109	Approved - with the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify specific parts of the city which will be mapped. • Organize a launch of the Atlas. • Implement appropriate marketing strategies to promote the Atlas and inform TRCA and the City of Toronto of all promotional activities.
2009-7	(no title)	Derek Wilson, <i>Derek L. Wilson Limited</i>	\$25,000	Declined - due to the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application is incomplete
2009-8	Managing Storm Water at the Evergreen Brick Works	Sue Arndt, <i>Evergreen</i>	\$23,759	Approved
2009 -9	The North Garden Expansion Project or Phase 3 of the IRC School Grounds Revitalization Project	Saba Ahmad, <i>Indian Road Crescent Junior Public School's Greening Committee</i>	\$25,000	Approved (conditional) - with the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of previously funded CPSWM project (October 2008) is required prior to November 30, 2009. • Remove \$4,000 contingency funding from the work plan. • Provide a letter from the school board confirming that the asphalt will be permanently removed and will not be paved/developed in the future. • Submit a revised work plan to TRCA.

Project #	Project Name	Project Manager and Affiliation	Requested Funds	Recommendations of Selection Committee
2009 -10	Residential Rainproofing	Karen Buck, <i>Citizens for a Safe Environment</i>	\$25,000	<p>Approved - with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the public regarding the new Toronto bylaw for mandatory downspout disconnection. • Schedule the tree planting between early May and fall. • Concept plans are to become property of the City of Toronto. • Target at least 50 residents in the downspout disconnection program is required. • Report of barriers for people not disconnecting. • Report on number of people disconnecting.
2009 -11	Environmental Student Society (ESS) – Highland Creek Constructed and Natural Wetland Limits	Michael Gauthier, <i>Centennial College Student Association, Environmental Student Society (ESS)</i>	\$24,995	<p>Declined - due to the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen project implementation component. • Reduce costs associated with student project staff time.
2009-12	Mapping the Gateway to the Don Ravines	Helen Mills, <i>Toronto Green Community; Lost Rivers</i>	\$15,280	<p>Declined - due to the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project needs to focus on restoring a lost river.
2009-13	St. Rita's Catholic School Stormwater Management and Greening Project	Andrea Dawber, <i>Green Here: Community Reforestation and Greening Initiatives</i>	\$25,000	<p>Approved - with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a letter from the school board confirming that the asphalt will be permanently removed and will not be paved/developed in the future.
Total Amount Requested			\$299,770.50	
Total Recommended for Approval			\$185,675	

Approval of the above projects as recommended would result in a total funding commitment of \$204,242. This includes \$185,675 for the eight recommended projects and a 10% administration fee of \$18,567 for the TRCA.

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