

# Staff Report



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To	<b>City Council</b>
Service Area	Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
Date	Wednesday, April 23, 2025
Subject	<b>Grant Agreement – Funder Reporting Requirement of the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund Grant</b>

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## Recommendation

1. That in accordance with the Province’s reporting requirement under the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund transfer payment agreement, Council pass a by-law recognizing the awarding of the Wyndham-Wellington Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvement project’s construction contracts following tender, as outlined in the April 23, 2025 “Grant Agreement – Funder Reporting Requirement of the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund Grant” report.
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## Executive Summary

### Purpose of Report

To meet the Province’s requirement of the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) transfer payment agreement for the City’s Wyndham-Wellington Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvement project, the City must provide “a report from Council including a resolution or by-law recognizing the awarding of the Project construction contracts following tender.”

### Key Findings

On October 2, 2024, the City announced it was a successful recipient of \$2.1 million from the [Housing-Enabling Infrastructure Water Systems Fund](#) after a competitive application process in April 2024. The City Treasurer, under Delegation of Authority By-law 20994 (Schedule “A”, Table 2.1, Number 2.2) executed the grant agreement earlier this year.

The [Wyndham-Wellington Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvement](#) project will replace the sanitary sewer and watermain infrastructure on Wellington Street East from Gordon Street to Wyndham Street South, and Wyndham Street South from the Speed River to Farquhar Street. This project aims to alleviate capacity restrictions and promote growth by enabling 150 shovel-ready housing units by 2027.

To meet the terms and conditions of the agreement with the Province, the City must provide “Construction Contract Award Documentation,” in accordance with the Funder’s reporting requirements.

On March 5, 2025 staff awarded the contract for this project to J.G. Goetz Construction Limited for \$2,751,814 (excluding HST) for the Wyndham-Wellington

Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvement project. Construction is set to begin in April 2025 following a groundbreaking event planned for April 24, 2025.

## **Strategic Plan Alignment**

The key findings of this report are aligned with the Strategic Plan's Foundations theme and "Maintain the City's healthy financial position" objective as well as the City Building theme to improve housing-enabling infrastructure. In addition, the project aligns with supporting action 12.1 to replace and improve our aging infrastructure as part of the [Downtown Infrastructure Renewal Program](#).

## **Future Guelph Theme**

Foundations

## **Future Guelph Objectives**

Foundations: Maintain the City's healthy financial position

## **Financial Implications**

The total budget for this project (PN0807) is \$3.4 million, of which \$2.4 million falls within the approved 2025 budget, with \$1.0 million being approved through previous budgets. The Provincial government has awarded the City \$2.1 million in grant funding through HEWSF. The remainder of the project is funded through development charges (\$259 thousand) and water and wastewater capital reserve funds (\$992 thousand). This grant offsets water and wastewater reserve funds as well as development charges.

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## **Report**

On October 2, 2024, [the City publicly announced](#) it was a successful recipient of \$2.1 million from the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund to which the City applied for through a competitive application process in April 2024. To the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, the City Treasurer, under Delegation of Authority By-law 20994 (Schedule "A", Table 2.1, Number 2.2) executed the HEWSF grant agreement earlier this year and has secured Milestone 1 payment.

The Wyndham-Wellington Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvement project includes the replacement of 250 metres of sanitary sewer and 480 metres of watermain infrastructure on Wellington Street East from Gordon Street to Wyndham Street South, and Wyndham Street South from the Speed River to Farquhar Street. The outcomes of this project will enhance the water system, promote growth, and enable housing. One hundred and fifty shovel-ready housing units will be enabled by 2027 as a result of this work.

In accordance with the reporting requirements outlined in the agreement, the City must provide construction contract award documentation to meet the conditions of the agreement and secure future payments.

Following the City's competitive bidding process, on March 5, 2025 staff awarded the contract for this project to [J.G. Goetz Construction Limited](#) of Guelph in the amount of \$2,751,814 (excluding HST) for the Wyndham-Wellington Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvement project. At bid closing date March 5, 2025, of five bids received, J.G. Goetz was selected as the successful bidder as their submission was the lowest compliant bid price. J.G. Goetz has worked with the City

before, notably as the contractor for Market Square. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2025, with a groundbreaking event planned for April 24, 2025.

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### **Consultations and Engagement**

Engineering and Transportation Services and Finance

### **Attachments**

None.

### **Departmental Approval**

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