

Memorandum to Council

Financial Services Department



To: Mayor and Members of Council

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From: Fuwing Wong, Commissioner Financial Services & Treasurer

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Subject: By-law 7868-22 - Streamline Development Approval Fund Grant by-law

**Acknowledged by M. Gaskell,
Chief Administrative Officer**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide background information related to By-law 7868-22, a by-law to authorize Staff to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province of Ontario related to the Streamline Development Fund grant.

At the Ontario Housing Affordability Summit on January 19, 2022, the Province of Ontario announced a new \$45 million Streamline Development Approval Fund. The fund is intended to help Ontario's 39 largest municipalities to modernize, streamline and accelerate processes for managing and approving housing applications. All of this "to get shovels in the ground faster and unlock the supply of housing" per the letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The Town of Whitby's work plans already included projects related to the modernization and streamlining of the development application process so the Town confirmed interest in accessing this grant funding.

On February 7, 2022, the Town was provided a Transfer Payment Agreement (the "TPA") related to a \$1 million Streamline Development Fund grant for the Town of Whitby. The deadline to sign and send the TPA back to the Province was March 1, 2022. Given that March 7, 2022 is the first regularly scheduled Council meeting

following receipt of the TPA, there is a by-law on the March 7, 2022 Council agenda authorizing Staff to enter into the TPA with an effective date of March 1, 2022.

In accordance with the requirements of the TPA, the Town will submit an interim report to the Province by April 22, 2022 which will include a written description outlining how the Town intends to spend the grant funds, a workplan, timeline and budget for the project. The Town will be working through these details and will provide Council with a future memo outlining the plan prior to submitting the interim report to the Province.