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TITLE: Municipal Streetscape Partnership Policy	NO.:
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POLICY STATEMENT:

This Policy will allow York Region to contribute a percentage of the funding to local municipalities for qualifying streetscape improvements in the Regional right-of-way.

APPLICATION:

By approving a fixed amount of annual funding and a formal process for the preparation and evaluation of applications, this policy shall be used to determine the appropriate level of Regional funding contribution that local municipalities may be eligible to receive for streetscape projects on Regional Roads.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to support local municipalities by promoting and participating in the esthetic enhancement of Regional roads through locally initiated efforts that meet the Regional criteria for streetscaping.

DEFINITIONS:

Streetscaping - Designing in a manner that recognizes the unique context of the individual area, streetscaping balances the aesthetic and functional components of the right-of-way to create a pleasant and functional environment for different user groups including; vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, trucks and transit. – York Region Transportation and Works.

Municipal Streetscaping Partnership Policy – Standard Operating Procedures (MSPP – SOP's)– York Region's technical guidelines for the evaluation of streetscape improvement applications from local municipalities for York Region funding contributions.

DESCRIPTION:

On a yearly basis York Region will approve a fixed amount of funding to be provided for Streetscape Partnerships.

A local municipality will complete a design study for a streetscape improvement within the Regional right-of-way. The municipality must have a percentage of the funding, but will be seeking financial assistance for the initiative.

A local municipality prepares an application to York Region's 'Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program' (MSPP) and submits the application by the established deadline.

Upon receipt of streetscaping applications, the 'York Region Streetscape Review Team' evaluates each application to determine the level of Regional funding contribution in accordance with criteria outlined in the MSPP-SOP's and recommends qualifying applications for funding. Successful applications receive a percentage funding for the approved streetscape initiative.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

A *Streetscape Review Team* will be created in order to take on the role of reviewing and scoring all streetscape applications. The team will be made up of the following personnel:

- Project Manager, Streetscaping.
- Manager, Natural Heritage and Forestry Services.
- Manager, Road Maintenance.
- Transit, Facilities Supervisor.
- Local Area Representative(s)
- Engineering Designate and/or Planner, Planning Department.

The team may also include staff representation from the affected local municipalities.

REFERENCE:

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