

The Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha

Environmental Initiatives Grant Program

Approval Date: _____ Motion: _____

Effective Date: _____

Review Date: _____

Associated Documents:

Background

The Township’s 2023-2026 Strategic Plan includes the strategic direction, Environment – 1. Promote responsible environmental stewardship 2. Protect and the enhance environment. In the last couple of years, Council has been approached by lake / cottage associations asking for support of their initiatives in regards to protecting the lakes from invasive species to preserve the lakes for future generations. This program will empower recreational users of aquatic resources to help stop the spread of harmful aquatic invasive species in a number of ways including cleaning, draining and drying watercraft and trailer legislation. In addition to boat cleaning, educational resources regarding the prevention and removal of invasive aquatic plants and zebra mussels are available on the Township website.

Purpose

The Environmental Initiatives Grant Program is designed for the purpose of supporting local lake associations in pursuit of preventing and managing the spread of aquatic invasive species and taking environmental initiatives to protect our lakes. The 2023-2026 Township of North Kawartha Strategic Plan includes the strategic direction, Environment – 1. Promote responsible environmental stewardship 2. Protect and the enhance environment. A goal under this direction is to Investigate the ways in which shoreline preservation policies can be incorporated into the Township By-Laws. Support could be in the form of letters of support for other grant programs or financial assistance for programs designed to eradicate/remove aquatic invasive species. This Grant Program will be funded from General Reserves.

Scope

The grant applies to lakes within the Township’s geographical area. There must be properties on the lake owned by North Kawartha ratepayers. The grant is intended as a one-time grant for the prevention and management of aquatic invasive species (as identified by Ontario Invasive Species Act, 2015, S.O. 2026, v. 22, such as, but not limited to:

- Brazilian Elodea^{[footnote **\]](#)}
- Curly-Leaved Pondweed

- Eurasian Water-Milfoil
- Eurasian and Northern Milfoil hybrid
- European Frog-Bit
- European Lake Sedge
- European Water Chestnut^{[footnote **](#)}
- Fanwort
- Flowering Rush
- Hydrilla^{[footnote **](#)}
- Parrot Feather^{[footnote **](#)}
- Phragmites (European Common Reed)^{[footnote **](#)}
- Purple Loosestrife
- Rough (Great) Manna Grass
- Yellow Iris
- Water Hyacinth
- Water Lettuce
- Watermoss-Salvinia species
- Water Soldier^{[footnote **](#)}

Footnote ^ Species listed in regulation under Ontario's Invasive Species Act. If you undertake certain activities involving these species, additional rules under Ontario's Invasive Species Act may apply. For more information on Ontario's invasive species regulations, visit [Managing invasive species in Ontario](#).

Other invasive species considered:

- Starry Stonewort

This grant may be utilized for educational signage, machinery/equipment and/or contracted charges related to work employed to remove and dispose of invasive aquatic species while certifying that all work is conducted in strict adherence to Ministry guidelines in relation to all provincial legislation under the act in:

- [Public Lands Act](#)
- [Ontario Regulation 239/13 \(section 9\)](#)
- [Regulation 975](#)

Each applicant is required to provide a presentation outlining their proposal, including total costs. Upon Council approval, the applicant may submit an Application for Municipal Grant – Environmental Initiatives Program. As part of the process, property owner(s) permission, all required legislative requirements and permits or approvals and any other document required by the Township must be obtained by the applicant. The Township will reimburse the association with a 50 % municipal contribution of the costs of the solution, to a maximum amount of \$10000.00 upon approval of a completed application and provision of paid invoices for the approved solution.

Qualification of Applicant

Only an established Association may apply for the Grant. The Township may ask to see the applicant's financial statements to ensure that funds are available for the applicant's 50% of the solution.

This grant applies to lakes within the Township's geographical area that include property owners in North Kawartha.

Deputation to Council for Approval

The Association shall prepare a presentation for Council to be delivered at a Council meeting as a Deputation (<https://www.northkawartha.ca/delegation/>), with a written report, which outlines the details of their solution including but not limited to location, the solution, the species being targeted as well as the total costs. This should include when and where the solution will be placed and who owns the property. The solution must be approved by motion of Council prior to proceeding with the formal application process.

Permissions, Permits, Legislative Requirements

- Permission from the land owner(s) to place the solution on their property must be provided with the application (eg. Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF) 1-800-667-1940 also called Crown land).
- If the Township owns the property, an encroachment agreement may be required.
- Contact the County of Peterborough, Public Works, Corridor Control and issuance of permits, John Ward, JWard@ptbocounty.ca if the solution is to be located near a County road allowance.
- If the solution is located within the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) watershed (Chandos Ward of the Township), CVCA should be contacted prior to installation to ensure that the solution is able to be placed in the intended location and permits may be required. Crowe Valley Conservation Authority has in effect the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulations (Ontario Regulation 159/06) made under the Conservation Authorities Act. This regulation prevents or restricts development and site alterations near water and wetlands to protect the public from flooding, erosion and other hazards. Required approval may be in the form of a permit. The applicant is responsible for any CVCA fees but may include the fees in their total cost. CVCA contact information, Phone: 613-472-3137 | Email: info@crowevalley.com

A building permit may be required depending on the type of solution (the solution itself, the base, any roof structure etc...). Applicants should contact the Building and Planning Department at the Township, planning@northkawartha.ca or 705-656-5188 to inquire if

a permit is required. The applicant is responsible for any building permit fees but may include the fee as part of the total cost.

- If the location is within the Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park, Petroglyphs Park Ontario Parks must be consulted. Applicants must contact the Park Superintendent, 613-332-3940 ext. 255.
- The solution must be located where it does not interfere with ingress / egress to the lake. Emergency vehicles must have full access at all times.

Use of Municipal Property / Encroachment Agreement

If the solution is to be located on or implemented from municipal property, the applicant must seek permission to use the property during their deputation and Council must include permission to use the property as part of the approval motion. The motion number will be included on the application. Township staff will consult regarding the specific location of the solution on the property. If required, the applicant must enter into an encroachment agreement with the Township. If this is the case, as this meets the environmental goals of the Township, the encroachment fee as well as the legal fee for registration of the executed encroachment agreement on title will be waived as part of the approval of this policy and the application and further that the waived fee will not be considered as part of the total cost.

Application Process and Grant Payment

After the applicant's deputation to Council, if approved by motion, the applicant must complete the Municipal Grant – Environmental Initiatives Program. The Application must be submitted to the Clerk for processing and circulation as appropriate. Once the solution is implemented, the applicant submits the paid invoices / receipts to the Clerk in order to be reimbursed for an amount a 50 % municipal contribution of the costs of the solution, to a maximum amount of \$10000.00 per approved application. Payment of the grant amount will be paid to the applicant, as soon as possible but no later than 30 days from completion.

Attachments:

[Application for Municipal Grant – Environmental Initiatives Program](#)

[Authorization for Representation Form](#)