

**TRANSFER PAYMENT AGREEMENT
FOR THE INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICIP):
RURAL AND NORTHERN STREAM**

THIS TRANSFER PAYMENT AGREEMENT for an Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Rural and Northern Stream Project (the “**Agreement**”) is effective as of the Effective Date.

B E T W E E N:

Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario,
represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

(“**Ontario**” or the “**Province**”)

- and -

The Corporation of the County of Brant

(CRA#870700333)

(the “**Recipient**”)

BACKGROUND

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (“ICIP”) is a federal infrastructure program designed to create long-term economic growth, build inclusive, sustainable and resilient communities, and support a low-carbon economy.

The Government of Canada (“**Canada**”) announced, in its *Budget 2016* and *Budget 2017*, over \$180 billion for the ICIP to support sustainable and inclusive communities, while driving economic growth.

The federal Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs and the provincial Minister of Infrastructure entered into the Canada-Ontario Integrated Bilateral Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for Canada to provide financial support to the Province.

Under the Bilateral Agreement, Canada agreed, amongst other things, to provide contribution funding to the Province under the rural and northern communities infrastructure funding stream of ICIP. This stream supports projects that improve the quality of life in rural and northern communities by responding to their specific needs.

Also, under the Bilateral Agreement, Ontario agrees to identify projects and be responsible for

the transfer of ICIP and provincial funds to eligible recipients pursuant to transfer payment agreements.

The Recipient has applied to the Province for ICIP funds to assist the Recipient in carrying out a rural and northern stream project.

The Province has submitted to Canada for approval and the Province and Canada have approved, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the Bilateral Agreement, the Project as defined in Schedule “C”.

The Agreement sets out the terms and conditions upon which ICIP funds, up to the Maximum Funds, will be provided to the Recipient for carrying out the Project.

CONSIDERATION

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in the Agreement and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are expressly acknowledged, the Province and the Recipient agree as follows:

1.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

1.1 Schedules to the Agreement. The following schedules and their sub-schedules, if any, form part of the Agreement:

- Schedule “A” - General Terms and Conditions
- Schedule “B” - Specific Information
- Schedule “C” - Project Description, Financial Information, Timelines and Project Standards
- Schedule “D” - Reports
- Schedule “E” - Eligible Expenditures and Ineligible Expenditures
- Schedule “F” - Evaluation
- Schedule “G” - Communications Protocol
- Schedule “H” - Disposal of Assets
- Schedule “I” - Aboriginal Consultation Protocol
- Schedule “J” - Requests for Payment and Payment Procedures
- Schedule “K” - Committee

1.2 Entire Agreement. The Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in respect to the subject matter contained in the Agreement and supersedes all prior oral or written representations and agreements.

2.0 CONFLICT OR INCONSISTENCY

2.1 Conflict or Inconsistency. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between any of the requirements of:

- (a) the Bilateral Agreement and the Agreement, the Bilateral Agreement will prevail to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency;
- (b) the main body of the Agreement and any of the requirements of a schedule or a sub-schedule, the main body of the Agreement will prevail to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency;
- (b) Schedule “A” (General Terms and Conditions) and any of the requirements of another schedule or a sub-schedule, Schedule “A” (General Terms and Conditions) will prevail to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency;
- (c) a schedule and any of the requirements of a sub-schedule, the schedule will prevail to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency; or
- (d) The Agreement and the *Rural and Northern Communities Funding Stream Ontario Program Guidelines* of March 2019 (“the Guidelines”), the Agreement will prevail.

3.0 COUNTERPARTS

3.1 One and the Same Agreement. The Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

4.0 AMENDING THE AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT REVIEW

4.1 Amending the Agreement. Subject to sections C.5.3 (Amending the Agreement for Minor Changes to the Project Description, Financial Information, Timelines and Project Standards) and D.2.2 (Amending the Agreement for Minor Changes to the Reporting), the Agreement may only be amended by a written agreement duly executed by the representatives of the Parties listed on the signature page below.

4.2 Agreement Review. If, pursuant to section 25.10 (Review of Agreement) of the Bilateral Agreement, the Bilateral Agreement is reviewed after three or five years, or both, of the effective date of the Bilateral Agreement, and any changes to the Bilateral Agreement are required as a result, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement as necessary and in a manner that is consistent with such changes.

5.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

5.1 **Acknowledgement from Recipient.** The Recipient acknowledges, in respect of the Project, that:

- (a) the Funds are to assist the Recipient to carry out the Project and not to provide goods or services to the Province or Canada;
- (b) the Province and Canada are not responsible for carrying out the Project;
- (c) the Province's and Canada's role in respect of the Project is limited to making a financial contribution to the Recipient for the Project, and the Province and Canada are not involved in the Project or its operation;
- (d) the Province and Canada are neither decision-makers nor administrators in respect of the Project;
- (e) the Province is bound by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Ontario) and any information provided to the Province in connection with the Project or otherwise in connection with the Agreement may be subject to disclosure in accordance with that Act;
- (f) Canada is bound by the *Access to Information Act* (Canada) and any information provided to Canada by either the Province or the Recipient in connection with the Project or otherwise in connection with the Agreement may be subject to disclosure in accordance with that Act;
- (g) the Recipient has read and understood the Bilateral Agreement;
- (h) changes to the Project will require the Province's and Canada's approval, which may be subject to the terms and conditions of the Bilateral Agreement;
- (i) entering into of the Agreement does not in any way obligate any regulatory authority established under an Act of the Ontario Legislature or Parliament to issue any type of approval, licence, permit or similar authorization that the Recipient may need or want in relation to the Project or to meet any terms or conditions under the Agreement; and
- (j) that complete, diligent and timely implementation of this Agreement within the funding limits and deadlines specified herein is imperative.

5.2 **Acknowledgement from Province.** The Province acknowledges that the Recipient may be bound by the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Ontario) and any information provided to the Recipient in connection with the Project or otherwise in connection with the Agreement may be subject to disclosure in accordance with that Act.

6.0 CANADA'S RIGHTS AND INFORMATION SHARING WITH CANADA

- 6.1 **Third Party Beneficiary.** The Recipient agrees that, although the Agreement is between the Province and the Recipient, Canada is, in respect of the rights, covenants, remedies, obligations, indemnities, and benefits (together referred to as "**Rights**") undertaken or given to Canada in the Agreement, a third party beneficiary under the Agreement and is entitled to rely upon and directly enforce those Rights as if Canada were a party to the Agreement.
- 6.2 **Sharing of Information with the Province and Canada.** The Recipient agrees that, consistent with section 6.1 (Third Party Beneficiary) and for the implementation of the Bilateral Agreement:
- (a) the Province or Canada, or both, and in respect of Canada either directly or through the Province, may, upon Notice to the Recipient, request additional information from the Recipient including, without limitation, information for any determination under Article A.27.0 (Environmental Requirements and Assessments) and Article A.28.0 (Aboriginal Consultation);
 - (b) if the Province or Canada, or both, provide the Recipient with Notice under paragraph 6.2(a), the Recipient will, within the timelines set out in the Notice, deliver the information to either the Province or Canada, or both, as required; and
 - (c) the Province or Canada, or both, may share any information received from the Recipient pursuant to the Agreement with each other.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

The Parties have executed the Agreement on the dates set out below.

**HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**, represented by the Minister of
Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Date

Name: Ernie Hardeman
Title: Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

AFFIX
CORPORATE
SEAL

The Corporation of the County of Brant

Date

Name:
Title:

I have authority to bind the Recipient.

Date

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[SCHEDULE "A" – GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOLLOWS]