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## **MEMORANDUM**

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**Subject:** 2022 Public Realm Investment Program Launch

**Date:** April 06, 2022

**To:** Planning and Economic Development Committee

**From:** Julia van der Laan de Vries, Landscape Architect

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The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Planning and Economic Development Committee that on February 22, 2022, staff launched the 2022 Public Realm Investment Program (PRIP).

**At this time, local area municipalities are invited to submit applications for funding requests to the 2022 PRIP program.**

This year, the program seeks to award up to \$350,000 of matching funding to area municipalities for public realm enhancement projects along Regional roads and in areas of significant Regional capital investments. The 2022 program builds upon the success of the past six years delivering impactful and transformative projects across the region. Through the program, funding for over 34 public realm enhancement projects has been made available to 10 of Niagara's communities. Since 2016, close to \$1.6 Million dollars of Regional funding contributed to municipal projects worth over \$8.8 Million dollars.

### **Highlights of the 2022 Program**

- Minimum funding request is \$25,000;
- Maximum funding per project is \$150,000;
- Matching municipal funding is required;
- Local roads which feature significant Regional capital investments are included in the program; and,
- Eligible projects must have a local municipal funding commitment and be in an advanced stage of design.

To guide area municipalities through the preparation of submissions, a 2022 PRIP Application Form and Application Package was circulated to area municipalities. The

program package includes: eligibility requirements, a table of eligible capital improvements, project evaluation criteria, and payment process. The package also includes a visual reference glossary of capital improvement items and streetscape treatments that are covered through the program.

Submissions for funding through the program must include a completed application form, a maintenance commitment by the area municipality, a cost estimate and detailed project information such as design drawings and technical specifications.

In order to ensure that the work meets applicable operational and technical criteria, a team of Regional staff experts in urban design, landscape architecture, transportation engineering, and operations will review and evaluate eligible projects.

**Key Dates:**

February 22, 2022	Call for submissions: Application period opens
April 22, 2022	Application submission deadline
May 30, 2022	Funding notifications issued to applicants (subject to change based on quantity and quality of applications)
July 13, 2022	Funding commitment update memorandum to PEDC

Staff will report to the Planning and Economic Development Committee in the Fall of 2022 with an update showcasing the PRIP projects completed within the past program year.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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