



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Community Program for Stormwater Management
Grant Approvals**

Date:	December 13, 2007
To:	Public Works & Infrastructure Committee
From:	Lou Di Gironimo, General Manager, Toronto Water
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P:\2007\Cluster B\TW\pw07048 (AFS# 6549)

SUMMARY

This report recommends approval of grants to community organizations to carry out stormwater management projects that were submitted to the Community Program for Stormwater Management for the September 24, 2007 application deadline.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Toronto Water and the Chair, Community Program for Stormwater Management (CPSWM) Selection Committee recommend that:

1. The following projects be approved for funding in the amount of \$116,050, net of GST including a 10% administrative fee for TRCA under the Community Program for Stormwater Management:
 - a. Toronto Tree Tours - LEAF
 - b. Pope Paul Catholic School Stormwater Management Pilot - Dupont Improve-ment Group: Improving Neighbourhoods (DIG IN)
 - c. Green Roof - Covenant House
 - d. Greening Toronto’s Gardens Phase 2 - Toronto Green Community
 - e. Blue Flag Beach Monitoring and Education - Citizens’ Environmental Watch
 - f. Building Community for Toronto’s Water Pollution Solution - Riversides
2. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to take effect thereto.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total value of projects identified in this report is \$116,050 net of GST, including a 10% administrative fee for TRCA and is included in the approved 2008 Toronto Water Capital Budget, WBS Element CWW447-03 – Wet Weather Flow Master Plan – Public Education.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting of September 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2003, in adopting Clause No. 42 of Report No. 9 of the Policy and Finance Committee, adopted the Wet Weather Flow Management Master Plan and Wet Weather Flow Management Policy and approved the administration of a community outreach program supporting the Wet Weather Flow Management Master Plan by TRCA.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2003/agendas/council/cc030922/pof9rpt/cl042.pdf>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Community Program for Stormwater Management provides grants to community organizations and NGOs to carry out projects that advance the goals and objectives of the Wet Weather Flow Master Plan. Grant applications are reviewed two or three times per year by the CPSWM Selection Committee, who recommends a list for approval by City Council. The program has been running since 2004 and is administered by the TRCA.

The CPSWM Selection Committee is chaired by Irene Jones, and includes two TRCA staff representatives, one Toronto and Region Remedial Action Plan Team member from Ministry of the Environment, and five City staff representatives from: Toronto Water (2), Communications (1), Parks, Forestry and Recreation (1) and Toronto Public Health (1).

COMMENTS

Six applications were received and reviewed by the CPSWM Selection Committee for the September 24, 2007 application deadline. The applications and the recommendations of the Selection Committee are summarized in the following table.

Project #	Project Name	Project Manager and Affiliation	Requested Funds	Recommendations of Selection Committee
2007-11	Toronto Tree Tours	Liz Forsberg, LEAF	\$25,000 Recommend \$20,000	Approval – With the following conditions CPSWM committee would like LEAF to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incorporate a pledge component to their Tree Tours that has four participants pledge to either commit to one or more of the following tasks (a) tree tender (provide care to a tree on public space) (b)

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				<p>disconnect their downspout (c) install rain barrel(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage hands-on component to the Tours (i.e. do tree tending on the tours) • Resubmit budget with the following conditions: removal of promotional materials (i.e. t-shirts, etc.), overhead and project management meet CPSWM criteria and, if possible, apply funds earmarked for promotional activities to be used to purchase or subsidize the purchase of trees for individuals willing to plant and care for trees on their property. • Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted.
2007-12	Pope Paul Catholic School Stormwater Management Pilot	Andrea Dawber, Dupont Improvement Group: Improving Neighbourhoods (DIG IN)	\$17,500 Recommend \$17,000	<p>Approval –With the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assurance the project will not create drainage issues for neighbours • Appropriate native plants • Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted.
2007-13	Green Roof	John Tarnawsky, Covenant House	\$25,000 Recommend \$25,000	<p>Approval –With the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Toronto staff approve the design and the proper building permits, etc., are obtained. Provide a copy permit approval. • Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted.
2007-14	Greening Toronto's Gardens Phase 2	Minaz Asani-Kanji Toronto Green Community	\$25,000 Recommend	<p>Approval –With the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget is re-submitted

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			\$9,750	<p>to reflect approved funding and meets the CPSWM guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPSWM committee supports the deliverables that specifically target stormwater management • Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted.
2007-15	Blue Flag Beach Monitoring and Education	Sonia Dong, Citizens' Environmental Watch	\$24,178.75 Recommend \$24,000	<p>Approval - With the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEW include a deliverable that will detail how the program will become self-sustaining for the future (i.e. ensure they are building capacity with this funding) • Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted.
2007-16	Building Community for Toronto's Water Pollution Solution	Emily Alfred, Riversides	\$23,083 Recommend \$9,750	<p>Approval - With the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget is re-submitted to reflect approved funding and meets the CPSWM guidelines • CPSWM committee supports the deliverables that target professional associations, builders and suppliers • CPSWM committee does not support the deliverable aimed at educating the ENGO community • Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted.
Total Amount Requested			139,261.75	
Total Recommended for Approval			\$105,500	

Approval of the above projects as recommended would result in a total funding commitment of \$116,050. This includes \$105,500 for the six recommended projects and a 10% administration fee of \$10,550 for the TRCA. With the approval of these projects, this will commit \$247,642 of the budgeted funding of \$250,000 for new projects in 2007 despite the late payment. This completes the applications for 2007 and a further \$250,000 has been approved in the 2008 Capital Budget for grants to community organizations to carry out stormwater management projects.

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