

The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: January 8, 2024

Subject: SRFIN.24.01 Draft 2024 Capital Projects and the Future Paisley Fire Hall

Construction Financing Strategy

Report from: David Munro, Interim Treasurer

Appendices: Appendix A – Proposed 2024 Capital Projects

Appendix B – Infrastructure Ontario's Loan Program

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

- Support staff to continue to refine the Budget to address efficiencies and cost saving;
- 2. Support the proposed revised Budget Schedule Meeting Dates;
- 3. Support the proposed 2024 Capital Project Plan;
- 4. Direct staff to finance the future Paisley Firehall Construction Project from reserves and to offset the costs of such project with revenues generated from surplus land sales; and
- 5. Direct staff to bring the 1st Draft Capital & Operating Budget including the Reserve Continuity forward to Council on January 29, 2024, for review and consideration.

Report Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the initial list of proposed 2024 Capital Projects and to provide information on financing options related to the future Paisley Firehall Construction project. Staff are also proposing a revised schedule of meeting dates to bring forward the 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets for Council review and consideration.

Background

Section 290 for the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 defines the requirements for a local Municipality:

- ✓ For each year, a local Municipality shall, in the year or the immediately preceding year, prepare and adopt a budget including estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the Municipality, including:
- ✓ Amounts sufficient to pay all debts of the Municipality falling due within the year;
 and
- ✓ Amounts required to be raised for sinking funds or retirement funds; and
- ✓ Amounts required for any board, commission, or other body.

The Act further defines what shall be included in the budget, such as estimated revenues from taxation levy, reserve transfers, estimated expenses, and prior year surplus or deficits.

Analysis

REVISED BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE

Staff have reviewed the 2024 Capital and Operating Budget schedule, and due to some additional financial information that is outstanding, have proposed some modifications. The initial capital project program and confirmation of financing strategies are to be addressed on January 8th. The 1st initial Capital and Operating Budget to be brought forward on the 29th at 1:00pm in detail for Council and 6:00pm for the Public. Another Council meeting is being requested on February 5th for the 2nd draft of the Capital and Operating Budgets that will address any modifications or requested changes.

2024 Budget Meeting Schedule

January 8 - Council meeting

• 2024 Draft Capital Projects and Financing Strategy for Fire Hall Construction

January 29 - Council meeting

- 1st Draft of Operating and Capital Budget
- Detailed Review (Council meeting) 1:00pm
- Public Information Session (Evening) 6:00pm

February 5 - Special Council meeting

 2nd Draft of Operating and Capital Budget (Modified to Address Comments/Additional Requests)

2024 CAPITAL PROJECTS

The 2023 Budget Approved Capital projects have been reviewed, to determine which were completed in 2023 and which projects were to be carried forward. Department heads then developed their 2024 capital project list based on previous Council direction, in accordance with approved policies and strategies.

In total, the 2024 Draft proposed Capital projects are estimated at \$9.5 million (includes \$2.656 million for sewer, water and stormwater project costs). This is similar to the overall 2023 Approved Budget of \$9.7 million (includes \$3.390 million of sewer, water and stormwater project costs).

FUTURE PAISLEY FIRE HALL CONSTRUCTION FINANCING

The largest and most costly capital project is the construction of the future Paisley Fire Hall which is estimated to be \$3 million of that \$9.5 million. The Treasurer and CAO sought different opportunities to fund this expenditure. The two predominate options are to seek a loan from Infrastructure Ontario (IO) or to borrow from existing reserves. The options to repay either a loan or the use of other reserve funds would be offset by revenues received from surplus land sales and future property tax. Attached to the report is information provided from IO regarding the loan option. Based on the current interest rates at the time of writing this report the following chart provides the month principal and interest payments based on different lengths of term. There are requirements that need to be met in order to qualify for an IO loan such as the completion of the prior years Financial Information Return, credit standing, etc.

Fire Hall financing						
amount to borrow	\$3,000,000					
interest rate	4.4%					
Term in years	5	10	15	20	25	30
monthly payment	\$55,793	\$30,947	\$22,797	\$18,818	\$16,505	\$15,023
annual cost (principal & interest)	\$669,513	\$371,365	\$273,561	\$225,815	\$198,062	\$180,274
total interest over term	\$347,565	\$713,654	\$1,103,419	\$1,516,302	\$1,951,545	\$2,408,218
note, at present, if we add 1% to o	ur taxes, we rece	eive \$65K per	year			

Unfortunately, borrowing options have locked in rates and no opportunity or earlier payment options. Staff recommend that the use of municipal reserves be considered to support this \$3 million construction project and seek to have revenue generated from surplus lands be directed to reduce the funds borrowed. Overtime, property tax dollars would be collected to pay the remaining outstanding balance. Of note, is the ability to sell the current location of the Fire hall to assist with the reduction in cost.

Subject to Council support the 1st draft of the 2024 Capital and Operating Budget could reflect this approach and outline the possible surplus lands revenue to offset overall cost.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.4 Leading Financial Management

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

A major portion of the 2024 Draft Capital budget is the \$3 million Paisley Fire Hall. Staff have reviewed alternatives for financing this project.

Two long-term options are:

- 1. Borrow from Infrastructure Ontario (IO);
- 2. Use existing reserves.

Depending on either option, tax dollars would still be required to repay the loan or build back our reserves.

Option 1 to borrow from IO would result in a fixed term (e.g., 30 years) at a fixed interest rate with no ability to pre-pay.

Option 2 would require the use of Water & Sewer reserves. Staff believe the interest income we miss out on will be less than the interest charged on a loan. We could "pay" the Water & Sewer reserve "interest" over time as we collect tax and build back the reserves. Option 2 provides more flexibility, and use future land sale proceeds to build back reserves. If there is a future event that requires us to use Water & Sewer reserves and the reserve is not sufficient, then borrowing from Infrastructure Ontario could be contemplated. It is anticipated that interest rates may lower over time and the rates provided to date are not variable and would not be adjusted should the rates be lowered over the term of the loan.

Staff will prepare the 2024 Capital and Operating Budget to reflect the use of reserve funds and bring this forward for Councils consideration and review on January 29, 2024.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer

	2023	Expenses	2024 Capita
Project	Budget	to Date	Request
21-GENG-0001 BLDG-Municipal Office Basement Renovations	\$100,000	\$57,575	\$42,42
23-GENG-0008 EQUIP-IT Network Setup-Arena's and Fire Stations	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,00
24-GENG-0010 replace 7 laptops and upgrade RAM on 29 existing laptops			\$16,77
23-FIRE-0008 EQUIP-Recruit Bunker Gear	\$10,000	\$0	\$25,00
22-FIRE-0004 BLDG-Paisley Fire Hall Construction	\$300,000	\$27,515	\$3,000,00
24-FIRE-0007 EQUIP-Modernization of Fire App			\$9,50
24-FIRE-0015 EQUIP - Modernization of Radio Paging and Communication			\$10,00
24-FIRE-0016 BUILDING - 2nd Story Practice Container			\$10,00
24-FIRE-0017 EQUIP Helmets			\$11,00
21-TRAN-0001 BRIDGES-A13 Clark Bridge Guiderail	\$28,000	\$3,183	\$12,00
21-TRAN-0007 Bridges-2013 (Master Plan)		\$26,236	\$15,00
22-TRAN-0008 BRIDGES - Teeswater, paisley, Dyke Maint.	\$44,000	\$0	\$188,24
23-TRAN-0029 BRIDGE/CULVERT-(E) - Con 6 Elderslie, east of Lockerby Bridge	\$50,000	\$7,371	\$42,62
21-TRAN-0002 ROADS-Sideroad #15 Roadway	\$730,000	\$221,828	\$250,00
22-TRAN-0007 ROADS - Teeswater Bridge, Paisley - Approaches and Roadway	\$397,600	\$8,599	\$50,00
24-TRAN-0020 HVY/EQUIP (E) - Backhoe			\$240,00
24-TRAN-0027 Trans (E) - Con 10 Elderslie, reconstruct Sdrd 5 intersection (safety)			\$20,00
24-TRAN-0034 Roads-Arran Sideroad 20 - Landfill Road			\$143,50
24-TRAN-0035 Hvy/Equip - (E)- Utility trailer			\$3,80
24-TRAN-0036 Roads-Arran Con 10 - Cty 10 to GB Line			\$105,00
24-TRAN-0037 Roads-Arran B-Line - Cty 17 south Con 4			\$98,00
24-TRAN-0046 Roads-(P) Wellington St - Cty 1 to deadend			\$80,20
24-TRAN-0047 Sidewalks(C)-2nd Ave SW - 2nd to 3rd St			\$26,40
24-TRAN-0048 Sidewalks (T)-Cty 10 - Union St to Rotary Park			\$28,00
24-TRAN-0049 Roads-(A) Sdrd 20 (10th to 12th)			\$145,00
24-TRAN-0051 Roads-Arran B-Line - Con 2 Arran to Con 4 Arran			\$143,50
25-TRAN-0021 VEH&EQUIP (E)- Tandem Plow Truck			\$215,00
21-ENVS-0001 BLDG-Arran Landfill-Weigh Scales Building	\$100,000		\$160,00
21-RECC-0006 Paisley Ball Projects			\$15,00
21-RECC-0011 PARKS-Dog Park Construction	\$29,000	\$590	\$28,41
22-RECC-0006 PARKS-Paisley Docks, Approaches			\$20,00

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	<u>2023</u>	Expenses	2024 Capita
Project PARKO Toro Bod Rak Bala Bala Bala Bala Bala Bala Bala Ba	Budget	to Date	Requests
23-RECC-0024 PARKS-Tara Park Pole Replacement	\$4,500		\$4,500
23-RECC-0025 PARKS-Dr. Milne Park Pavilion Rehabilitation/Retaining Wall	\$24,000		\$24,000
21-RECC-0013 BLDG-(P)-Comm Ctr 2nd Floor Renovation	\$453,863	\$67,136	\$386,727
21-RECC-0014 BLDG-(P)-Comm Ctr Lift Rehabiliation	\$148,316	\$107,357	\$40,959
22-RECC-0008 BLDG-Tara Pool-Leak Repair	\$10,000		\$40,000
23-RECC-0015 BLDG-Paisley Arena Floor Replacement	\$50,000		\$115,000
23-RECC-0018 BLDG/COMP-Tara Arena Chiller Replacement	\$35,000		\$35,000
24-RECC-0016 BLDG-Tara Arena Floor Replacement			\$120,000
24-RECC-0019 PARKS-Chesley Skate Park Equipment Replacement			\$55,000
24-RECC-0031 EQUIP-Paisley Arena Ice Resurfacer			\$98,000
24-RECC-0032 EQUIP-Chesley Pool Diving Board			\$9,000
24-RECC-0042 Chesley Arena Stand Heaters			\$14,000
24-RECC-0043 Tara Basketball Court Refurbishment			\$25,000
24-RECC-0044 Tara Pool Heater Replacement			\$7,500
24-RECC-0045 Paisley Recreation Truck Replacement			\$40,000
24-RECC-0046 Chesley Park Island Rehabilitation			\$100,000
24-RECC-0047 Chesley Arena Rubber Floor Replacement			\$110,000
24-RECC-0048 Chesley Ball Diamond 2 Fence Move			\$10,000
24-RECC-0049 Roger Thorne Park Taffic Barrier			\$25,000
24-RECC-0050 Paisley Town Hall Improvements			\$25,000
24-RECC-0051 Chesley Lawn Bowling Club Renovation			\$130,000
24-RECC-0053 Tara Trail System Rehabilitation			\$25,000
24-RECC-0054 Paisley - James Street Park Drainage			\$15,000
23-HLTH-0002 LAND/IMP-Fence Work for Tara Cemetery	\$10,000	\$9,005	\$7,000
23-HLTH-0003 LAND-Land Purchase to expand Tara Cemetery	\$152,000		\$152,000
23-HLTH-0004 BLDG-Columbarium-Wing Wall Extension Chesley Cemetery	\$32,300	\$0	\$26,000
24-HLTH-0005 BLDG-Chesley Medical Clinic - roof replacement			\$30,000
23-WSSE-0018 MANHOLES-SEWER-(C)-Manholes Martha Ave	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
23-WSSE-0019 BLDG-SEWER-(C)-Blower room roof @ Lagoons	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500
21-WSSE-0001 EQUIP-SEWER-P-RAS Pumps	\$15,000	\$18,124	\$20,000
23-WSSE-0017 BLDG-SEWER-(P)-Pump station roofs (Albertt/Ross) and Mill Drive	\$20,000		\$20,000

	2022	Evpopeoe	2024 Capita
Drain at	<u>2023</u>		
Project 23-WSSE-0020 EQUIP-SEWER (P)-Natural Gas Generator	<u>Budget</u> \$75,000	to Date	Requests
23-WSSE-0023 MAINS-SEWER (P)-Queen Street, Paisley, Bridge to Church, 140m	\$229,500		\$150,000
22-WSSE-0002 EQUIP-SEWER (T)-Confined spaces, tripod, harness etc.	\$3,338	\$411	\$229,500
21-WSSE-0003 Chesley Sewer pumps	\$3,330	Φ411	\$5,000
22-WSSE-0011 WSSE-CHE-Smoke Testing			\$50,000
23-WSSE-0021 EQUIP-SEWER-(T) Mill Street L.S. Pump#2 Replace			\$35,000
24-WSSE-0013 SEWER (C) 3rd St SW, 1st Ave to 3rd Ave			\$11,028
24-WSSE-0024 Sewer (P) - Ditch Rotor Rebuild WPCP			\$(
24-WSSE-0025 Sewer (P) - WPCP blower replacement			\$25,000
24-WSSE-0026 Sewer (P) - WPCP Alum Tank Replace			\$7,500
24-WSSE-0027 Sewer (P) - WPCP Geo-tube replacement			\$50,000
24-WSSE-0027 Sewer (P) - WPCP Geo-tube replacement 24-WSSE-0028 Sewer (P) - Ross St Pp Stn, Level Transducer			\$10,000
24-WSSE-0029 BLDG-Sewer (C) - Southend Pump Stn.Roof			\$5,000
			\$10,000
21-WSWA-0001 EQUIP-WATER - Antenna/Cable	# 500.000	000 507	\$30,000
21-WSWA-0003 WELL-Chesley Community Park Well #1	\$500,000	\$96,537	\$403,463
22-WSWA-0004 BLDG-WATER (C) - Building, Riverside, Old Shop Rehabilitation	\$70,605	\$39,833	\$30,772
23-WSWA-0018 EQUIP-WATER-(AE) - Data Loggers @ AE Water Plant for back-up	\$20,000	\$817	\$19,183
23-WSWA-0021 MAINS-WATER-(P) Queen Street, Paisley, Bridge to Church	\$314,100	\$694	\$313,406
23-WSWA-0019 EQUIP-WATER-(T)- Data loggers @ Tara Water wells	\$20,000	\$817	\$19,183
23-WSWA-0020 BLDG-WATER-(T)- Roofs replacment @ Well 2 & 3	\$10,000	\$0	\$15,000
23-WSWA-0022 WATER (T) -Francis St Watermains	\$2,500	\$4,001	\$638,000
24-WSWA-0024 Fleet-Water-Pickup Truck			\$70,000
24-WSWA-0025 Water(T) - Well #3 Rotorque valve			\$15,000
24-WSWA-0026 Water(P) Church St., Queen St to Ross St.			\$45,000
23-WSST-0004 STORM-(T) - North Ave, Maria east to Middleton Drain	\$90,000		\$7,500
24-WSST-0006 Storm (T) - Francis St.			\$389,458
	\$4,749,388	\$701,175	\$9,492,557
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General Government	\$112,000	\$57,575	\$71,199
Fire Protection Services	\$310,000	\$27,515	\$3,065,500

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	<u>2023</u>	-	2024 Capital
<u>Project</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>to Date</u>	<u>Requests</u>
Transportation Services	\$1,800,866	\$267,217	\$1,806,269
Environmental Services	\$100,000	\$0	\$160,000
Recreation and Culture	\$754,679	\$175,083	\$1,518,096
Health Services	\$194,300	\$9,005	\$215,000
Total Municipal Services	\$3,271,845	\$536,395	\$6,836,064
Sewer	\$450,338	\$22,081	\$660,528
Water	\$937,205	\$142,699	\$1,599,007
Stormwater	\$90,000	\$0	\$396,958
Total Sewer, Water, Stormwater	\$1,477,543	\$164,780	\$2,656,493
Grand Total	\$4,749,388	\$701,175	\$9,492,557
WSSE revenue comes from Sewer (users pay) reserve			
WSWA revenue comes from Water (users pay) reserve			
all others come from General (tax payer) reserve - including Storm Water - for now			
no 2024 Chief Building Official / By-law capital requests			



Overview of Infrastructure Ontario's Loan Program

Affordable financing in support of infrastructure renewal



Infrastructure Ontario (IO)

- About IO
- Eligible projects
- Process of acquiring financing and Underwriting requirements
- Serial or Amortizer
- New Products: Floating Rate Capital Loan and Capital Line Loan
- ▶ Benefits of acquiring financing
- Current indicative Rates

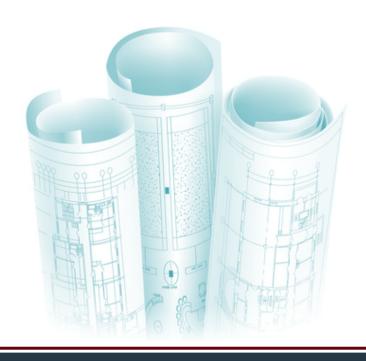
Infrastructure Ontario (IO)

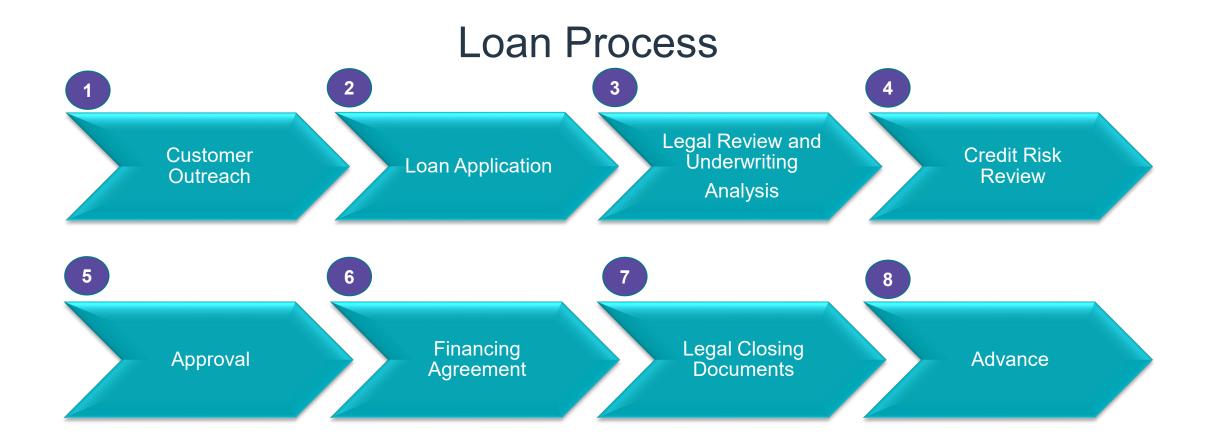
- Infrastructure Ontario (IO) is a Crown agency owned by the Province of Ontario
- Provides a range of services that support the Ontario government's initiatives to modernize and maximize the value of public infrastructure and realty
- ► Upholds Ontario's commitment to renew public services, in partnership with the private sector



Eligible Projects

- Most depreciable capital expenditures are eligible for affordable, long-term financing, including:
 - New construction, renovations and retrofits
 - Water, wastewater and waste management
 - Roads, bridges and public transportation
 - Housing, hospice and long-term care projects
 - Ambulances, fire trucks, transit vehicles, snow ploughs, garbage trucks and other rolling stock
 - Accessibility and energy efficiency projects
 - Local police, fire, Admin and recreation facilities
 - Equipment, systems and asset management tools
 - Land and facility acquisition
 - Municipal Local Improvement programs





Customer Outreach

- ► Client meetings
- ▶Tradeshows: MFOA, AMO, OMAA, etc.
- **▶**Conferences
- ▶Webinars
- **▶**Council Meetings

Loan Application

- ► Webloans application
 - https://webloans.infrastructureontario.ca/
- ▶ Required Documents:
 - Previous year's Financial statements
 - Copy of Capital Budget
 - Covid-19: A brief statement on the impact of Covid-19 on the financials
- ► Supporting Documents:
 - Borrowing bylaw (1 of 2 Council meetings required)
 - Certificate of No Litigation
 - Signature Page

IO loan applications – required financial information

Audited financial statements & FIRs:

2024 Loan Application Submission Date	2022 Financial Statements	2022 FIR	2023 Financial Statements	2023 FIR
Jan 1 – Jun 30	X	X		
Jul 1 – Sep 30		X	X	
Oct 1 – Dec 31				X

- ► In addition, a brief summary of your expected capital budget/items for the next few years
- If available online, please provide links

Example: COVID-related statement

- ► COVID-19 has had a considerable impact on the Municipality's operating revenue in 2020. It has been estimated that the Municipality has lost out on \$xxx,xxx in revenue in 2020 due to the impacts of COVID-19.
- ► There's also been a considerable impact on the Municipality's operating expenses. It's been estimated that in 2020 the Municipality incurred at least \$xx,xxx in expenses to aid in responding to the pandemic.
- ▶ In 2020 the Municipality received \$xxx,xxx from the government for the federal-provincial Safe Restart Funding. In January 2021, an additional \$xx,xxx was received from the government. The COVID-related government funding has been included in the 2021 budget and the municipality has been taking careful considerations as to how it can mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in 2021.



Legal Review

- ▶ IO's Legal Counsel conducts a review to ensure the borrower has the requisite authority to borrow from Infrastructure Ontario.
- ► Any pending, existing or threatening litigation that may impair the borrower's ability to meet its debt obligation is also reviewed.

Underwriting Analysis

- ▶IO's risk assessment model for municipal loans uses FIR data and has a municipal scoring methodology that incorporates a set of risk factors including:
 - Tax revenue per household/median household after tax income
 - Historical growth in households
 - Debt service as a % of own purpose revenue

Underwriting Analysis Continued.....

- The underwriting process also reviews the audited financial statements and approved current budget.
- ► The analysis looks at the:
 - Debt service capacity
 - Taxation capacity
 - Other financial risks
- Each risk factor is scored and aggregated into an overall credit risk score of high, medium or low risk.
- ► Loans must have an aggregate risk rating score of low risk in order to proceed to approval.

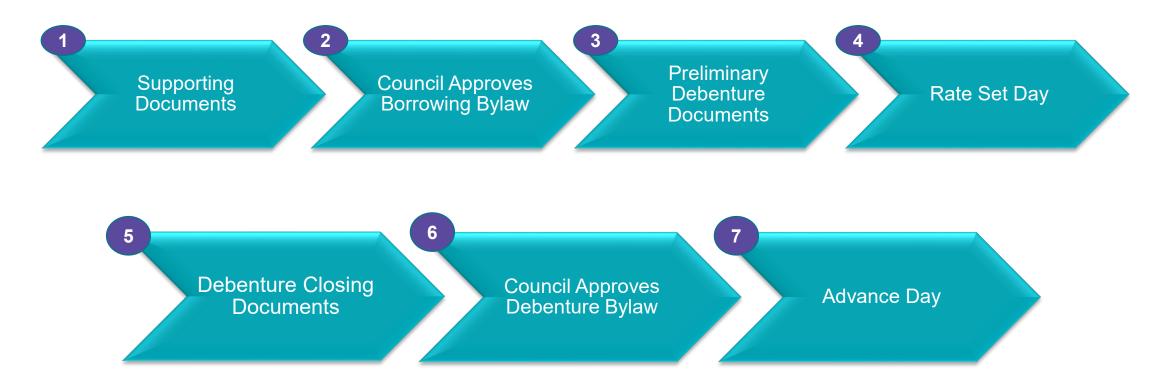
Credit Risk Review and Approval

- ► Loan application and underwriting analysis submitted
- ► Credit risk review and recommendation
- ► Approval and Thresholds:
 - Loans > \$25M approved by Board of Directors

Closing Procedures

- ▶ Documents required to advance funds are prepared by Loan Operations and reviewed by Legal Counsel
- ► The process to acquire financing typically takes 6 to 8 weeks from start to finish.
- ▶ Process and documents required differ by the two following examples:
 - Straight to Debenture: Utilized when only long-term take out is required.
 - Financing Agreement Process: Utilized for all other financing facility
 IO offers.

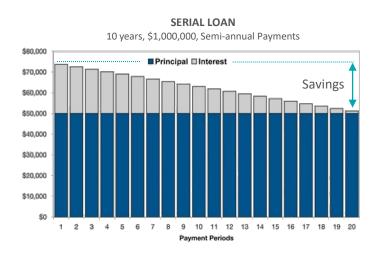
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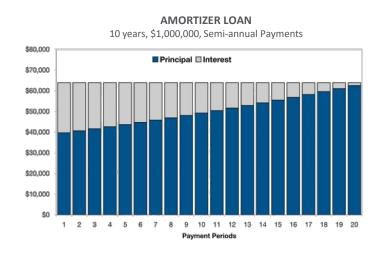
Legal Closing Documents and Advance

- ▶Final closing documentation vetted by Legal Counsel
- ►External legal opinion obtained from borrower's lawyer
- ► Documentation required to close transaction is confirmed closed by Legal and Loan Operations
- ► Funds advanced by Treasury

Serial & Amortizer Loans



Serial Loan: Constructed to pay equal principal amounts every 6 months with interest computed on the declining balance



► Amortizer Loan: Constructed to pay equal total payments every 6 months, interest component decreases while principal component increases over the term

NEW: Floating Rate Capital Loan

- Created for borrowers who need to draw funds at a short term floating rate, for up to five years
 - Allows flexibility in the amount borrowers need to debenture
 - Ideal for borrowers who can use interim revenues to pay down on capital works
 - Borrowers can draw funds and make interest only payments monthly, for up to five years
 - At maturity, the interest only balance must be repaid or converted to a fixed rate long term loan (debenture)
 - Any reimbursed or converted amounts cannot be re-borrowed

NEW: Capital Line Loan

- ▶ Borrowers with recurring and/or multi-year capital expenditures can combine multiple loan applications into one
 - Streamlines the application process and saves borrowers' time
 - Available for up to five years with extensions available
 - Borrowers can draw cash up to a pre-determined amount, with interest only payments due monthly
 - As short-term loans are repaid or converted to debenture, the remaining balance of the loan can be accessed

Benefits to Municipalities

The same low rates are available to all borrowers, within each sector

- Smaller borrowers benefit from preferential pricing available to large borrowers
- · All-in blended rates, with no additional transaction fees or commissions
- The combination of operating efficiencies and leveraging the Province's low cost of capital allows IO to pass along significant savings to borrowers

Short-term construction financing available

• For applicable construction projects, municipalities may access funding though progress draws and pay interest only until the project is complete, at which time the outstanding balance is converted to a long-term loan.

Longer fixed rate terms available

• 5- to 30-year amortizing or serial loans available, with no rate reset

Straightforward access to financing

- User friendly online application and clear loan process
- Access to dedicated knowledgeable staff, providing step-by-step guidance
- Public debt issuance typically requires a credit rating, minimum loan amounts and a requirement to maintain a sinking fund, unlike the IO Loan Program

Municipal Interest Rates*

Term	Amortizer	Serial
5 years	4.14%	4.16%
10 years	4.14%	4.14%
15 years	4.26%	4.24%
20 years	4.33%	4.30%
25 years	4.39%	4.36%
30 years	4.40%	4.37%

^{*}Indicative rates for January 3, 2024

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