

REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL

OILC Debenture Issue – County

To: Warden and Members of County Council

From: Director of Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

1. That By-law 6737-2025, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing by issuing debentures, for a term of 25 years, in the amount of \$2,468,014.00, for the purposes of the County of Oxford, be presented to Council for enactment.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Drumbo Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades project has been approved for debentures through the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for the County
- Debenture closing is set for June 16, 2025

IMPLEMENTATION POINTS

An offer to purchase the debenture has been received from OILC for completed or a substantially completed project previously approved by OILC.

The interest rate was locked in on June 3, 2025 for the debentures to close on June 16, 2025. The instalment payments will occur semi-annually following the debenture closings, beginning December 16, 2025.

Financial Impact

The County Treasurer has updated the County's Annual Debt Repayment Limit to ensure the addition of this debt does not exceed the County's borrowing limits as prescribed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Communications

Following Council passing the debenture by-law, all supporting legal documents will be held in escrow by legal counsel until staff confirm that all is in order for the debenture closing to proceed on June 16, 2025.

2023-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

Oxford County Council approved the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan on September 13, 2023. The Plan outlines 39 goals across three strategic pillars that advance Council's vision of "Working together for a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable future." These pillars are: (1) Promoting community vitality, (2) Enhancing environmental sustainability, and (3) Fostering progressive government.

The recommendation in this report supports the following strategic goal.

Strategic Plan Pillars and Goals

PILLAR 1	PILLAR 2	PILLAR 3
		
Promoting community vitality	Enhancing environmental sustainability	Fostering progressive government
		Goal 3.4 – Financial sustainability

See: Oxford County 2023-2026 Strategic Plan

DISCUSSION

Background

The County of Oxford's capital project to be financed by OILC debentures was previously authorized for OILC financing by the passing of County By-laws 6298-2021, 6359-2021, 6402-2022, 6602-2024 and 6723-2025.

Comments

OILC has approved the County's application for financing a capital project that is now complete, or substantially complete, therefore a debenture offer has been accepted for the following:

Capital Project	Term	Interest Rate	Amount to be Financed
County of Oxford			
Drumbo Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades project	25 years	4.57%	\$2,468,014

CONCLUSIONS

A debenture by-law is required to authorize the necessary legal documents to be executed and secure long-term financing on June 16, 2025 for the Drumbo Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades project.

SIGNATURES

Departmental approval:

Original signed by

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