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## Rural Programs Branch

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County of Bruce  
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### Re: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Rural and Northern Stream – Transfer Payment Agreement

I am pleased to provide you with the attached copy of the transfer payment agreement (the Agreement) for your approved Rural and Northern Stream Project as well as a summary document outlining important information about your Agreement. Please review both documents carefully. If changes to the Agreement are required, these should be made before the Agreement is executed. Please contact your Project Analyst immediately to discuss any required revisions.

We ask that you please make best efforts to return signed copies of the transfer payment agreement to our offices by **Friday July 17, 2020**.

*Given the current situation with COVID-19 if you wish to use electronic means to execute your agreement, please contact our office for direction.*

If you wish to proceed with hard-copy execution, the designated signatories should sign two (2) copies of the Agreement on page 6. You will also need to insert the titles of the designated signatories and affix the corporate seal (if applicable) in the signature area. Once completed, please return the two original signed and sealed copies via courier to:

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Rural Programs Branch  
1 Stone Road West, 4NW  
Guelph, ON  
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An original copy of the Agreement will be returned to you by mail following execution by the Province.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call your Project Analyst, Andrea Neill, at or Andrea.Neill@ontario.ca.



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Congratulations on your successful application and we look forward to working with you as you implement this project.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Whalen  
A/Manager, Infrastructure Renewal Programs  
Rural Programs Branch

Attachments: Agreement  
Important Information regarding your ICIP Agreement  
Aboriginal Consultation Requirements

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR AGREEMENT

**Project Description** - Please ensure the description of your project noted in Schedule “C” is accurate and complete. The amount of funding you will receive is contingent on completion of the project described in this Schedule, and only activities noted will be eligible. Your proposed project description may have been revised from the information submitted as part of your application based on the eligibility of project components. The description in your Agreement supercedes all prior information shared with the Province, and only the work described in the Agreement will be funded, subject to eligibility requirements being met. If changes to the project description noted in Schedule “C” are required, please contact your Project Analyst immediately to request a revision.

**Insurance** - Article A10 of Schedule “A” outlines the insurance requirements for the project. Please ensure that the required insurance is in place prior to the start of the project. Note: At this time, OMAFRA does not need to receive documentation that these requirements have been met but please ensure these are kept on file as they may be requested at any time during the Term of the Agreement.

**Reporting** - Schedule “D” provides details on the type of reporting that you will be required to provide to the Province. Note that these reporting requirements must be met in order to receive funding. The Province will direct the format and timelines for reporting. Regular reporting must be completed within the Transfer Payment Ontario platform.

**Cost Eligibility** – Schedule “E” sets out the costs that are eligible and ineligible under this funding agreement. No costs incurred prior to the Federal Approval Date set out in the Agreement are eligible for reimbursement. In order to qualify for payment, costs must be incurred and paid and must be submitted by March 31 of the year following the Funding Year in which they were incurred. Note that any costs associated with underground infrastructure and recreational trails are not eligible for funding.

**Communications / Signage** - Schedule “G” outlines the communication requirements for the project. As noted in Schedule “G”, funding provided by both the provincial and federal government must be recognized in the format of project signage. The Province and Canada will provide further instruction regarding signage shortly. The cost of signage is considered an eligible project cost within your approved funding allocation so long as such costs are billed by a third-party vendor.

**Aboriginal Consultation** - Schedule “I” outlines the Aboriginal Consultation requirements for the project. As noted in Schedule “I” any required Aboriginal Consultation must be complete prior to the start of any project construction work. In addition, capital costs are not eligible for reimbursement and no site preparation, removal of vegetation or construction can occur until Canada has confirmed in writing that it is satisfied that all federal duty to consult and environmental assessment requirements have been met. More details on Aboriginal Consultation Requirements are set out in the attachment to this document.

## **ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

In consideration of the financial support for the Project, if notified by Canada or the Province your community must engage and consult with Aboriginal Groups that may have a potential interest in the Project. The Province intends to rely on this consultation process as much as possible. As part of this process, your community must disclose that financial assistance for the project is being provided by Ontario. You must also provide your Project Analyst with a summary of communications with Aboriginal Groups, including any issues or concerns that may be raised by any Aboriginal Group and an indication of how your community has addressed or proposes to address those issues or concerns. This information may be provided in the form of the template consultation log and tracking chart provided by Canada (if applicable).

If in the future changes to the nature, scope, design or location of the Project are being considered, you must immediately notify your Project Analyst so that the Province may determine whether the proposed change impacts the duty to consult. Your community must also cease all construction activities if at any time during construction archaeological resources are found; other impacts that could affect Aboriginal or treaty rights emerge; or you are contacted by any Aboriginal Group expressing concerns about the project and potential impacts on rights.