



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**From:** Magda Badura, Manager of Corporate Services (Treasurer)  
**Date:** 2025-01-23  
**Subject:** Intact Municipal Climate Resiliency Grants

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### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from M. Badura, Manager of Corporate Services – Treasurer re: Intact Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant;  
And, That West Elgin Council endorse an application for a Flood Resiliency Project to the Intact Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant Program.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to request the council's endorsement to apply for the grant offered by Intact Insurance, which will provide funding to help mitigate flooding in our municipality.

### **Background:**

The Intact Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant program funds initiatives that implement proven adaptation solutions, including those identified by the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation at the University of Waterloo. Projects that protect the community at large or protect homeowners are the priority. Projects should target communities that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, have concrete indicators of success and have the potential to be scaled across the community.

Staff have developed a grant application for this program that would assist property owners with better protecting their properties against flooding caused by extreme rainfall events. The 2024 Budget included funding for a program similar to this grant application. If this application is successful, the budgeted funding could be used to supplement the grant application or utilized for other projects.

West Elgin has seen several intense rainfalls over the last several years that have overwhelmed the storm sewers causing flooding. Other communities have utilized a Climate Resiliency Grant to develop initiatives that aim to protect residents' homes by increasing public understanding of flood risk and the steps to achieve climate resiliency. This was achieved by providing a professional assessment of measures that would minimize the impact of severe rainfall events and funding support to implement the recommended measures.

### **Financial Implications:**

The funding received will significantly reduce the financial impact on the 2025 Operating Budget.

### **Alignment with Strategic Priorities:**

| Infrastructure Improvement                                                                              | Recreation                                                                                             | Economic Development                                                                                                      | Community Engagement                                                         |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth. | <input type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents. |

Respectfully submitted by,

Magda Badura

Manager of Corporate Services - Treasurer