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Town receives provincial funding for modernization initiatives

Georgina, ON – The Town of Georgina has received funding of \$292,500 under intake 2 of the Province of Ontario’s Municipal Modernization Program. The money will help fund various modernization initiatives throughout the organization.

“The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has meant changing how we provide some services to the community. We have accelerated our efforts to modernize service delivery, and identify new ways to be more efficient and effective,” said Mayor Margaret Quirk. “This funding will allow us to keep moving forward, and deliver better and smarter government services. I would like to recognize Council for its commitment to making modernization and continuous improvement a priority through the budget process.”

The funding is for up to 65 per cent of total eligible costs to implement the projects and complete a final report by Sept. 30, 2022.

Some of the key projects underway at the Town include:

- Expanding online self-serve and online pay options for our residents
- Automating and streamlining various business processes and approvals, including building and development-related permits
- Making the Town website more user friendly, including on mobile devices
- Implementing a new Human Resource information/payroll/time and attendance system to realize internal efficiencies

The Municipal Modernization Program, introduced in 2019, helps municipalities’ improve services for residents and businesses. The projects selected for funding under the second intake of the program will further support municipalities’ efforts to implement efficiencies, with a focus on digital modernization, service integration, streamlining development approvals and alternative service delivery. The program is open to Ontario’s 405 small and rural municipalities to help them find better, more efficient ways to operate and serve their communities.

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