

Staff Memo

To: South Huron Council

From: Scott Currie, Manager of Strategic Initiatives

Date: September 20, 2022

Re: Reconnect Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement

As described in <u>agenda item 8.2.1</u> at the February 22, 2022 Council meeting, South Huron applied to the Reconnect Ontario grant program administered by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport in support of the 2022 Exeter Rodeo. Staff have been notified that the application was successful and the Municipality has received tentative approval to receive up to \$17,205, which was announced publicly by MPP Lisa Thompson on <u>August 26, 2022</u>.

Staff have been working with the Ministry to finalize the Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA), which is presented to Council for approval in the resolution to adopt By-law 61-2022. Although it is unusual to finalize this TPA after the Exeter Rodeo has already occurred, this could not be avoided due to the funder's timeline, which was impacted by the blackout period during the provincial election.

If Council approves the TPA, please note that the final grant amount the Municipality qualifies for may change based on variances between the event budget and actual expenses incurred to delivery the 2022 Exeter Rodeo.