



**STAFF REPORT**  
**Municipality of Wawa**

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<b>To: Mayor and Council</b>	<b>Report No.: CAO 2023-05</b>
<b>Date: June 2, 2023</b>	<b>Council Meeting: June 6, 2023</b>

**Wawa Airport Renovations Project**

**Introduction and Background**

The Wawa Airport needs renovations to the Terminal Building and a shelter for runway sand to prevent it from blowing. Staff made application to NOHFC for funding for up to 75% of total project costs and has been approved to submit a Stage 2 application, subject to a supporting Resolution of Council.

This project is being undertaken to upgrade the airport terminal facility making it AODA compliant by creating an accessible washroom, installing comfortable seating in the lobby area and installing a sand tent shelter to protect runway material from inclement winter weather and high winds blowing sand used for airport runway for safe landings of planes in winter weather conditions.

The project will support the Municipality's efforts to increase use of the airport and make it more efficient to operate. Alamos Gold Mine Inc. has agreed to support the initiative since the airport is critical to its operations and human resource requirements and is investing a \$25,000 contribution to the project, subject to NOHFC grant approval.

This project is identified in the Wawa Asset Management Plan and in the 2023-2027 approved Municipality of Wawa 2023 Capital Budget. The Airport Terminal was built in the 1970s and requires upgrades as the number of persons using the facility has increased substantially. The Municipality funded new air runway lighting and a new furnace at the airport facility in 2022 and has a Strategic Plan which states that it strives to provide essential and cost-effective services that contribute to the well-being of its residents.

## Project Costs and Funding

The estimated total budget for the project is \$200,000. Should NOHFC contribute 70%, or \$150,000 to the project, then Alamos Gold will contribute \$25,000 and the Municipality \$25,000. A budget breakdown is as follows:

Project Cost Category	Eligible Project Costs	Ineligible Project Costs	Total Project Costs
Construction / Renovation	\$150,000		\$150,000
Purchase Material (Sand	\$50,000		\$50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>		<b>\$200,000</b>

### Funding/Revenues

Funding Source	Funding Type	Funding Status	Eligible Project Costs	Ineligible Project Costs	Funding Amount
<b>NOHFC</b>	Conditional Contribution	(Pending)	\$150,000		\$150,000
<b>Applicant</b>	Cash	Confirmed	\$25,000		\$25,000
<b>Other</b>	Alamos Gold Donation	Confirmed	\$25,000		\$25,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$200,000</b>		<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>NOHFC % of Total Eligible Project Costs</b>			<b>75%</b>		

The Municipality has set-aside the required funds in the approved 2023 budget for its share of the project and has funds placed in reserves for airport capital that could be used for the project and any potential cost overruns. A Municipal Council Resolution supporting the project and cost-overruns must be included in the Stage 2 application demonstrating Council the support. A supporting Resolution has been paced on this evening's Regular Council Meeting.

Once approved, staff will make application for the funding immediately.

**Recommendation**

That the CAO Staff Report regarding the Wawa Airport Renovations Project be received by Council and a Resolution of support for the NOHFC application and funds required be approved.

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