

Special council meeting Monday to discuss grant opportunity

At Monday night's Orangeville Council meeting it was decided council will hold a special meeting next Monday, June 1 at 4 p.m., to discuss a grant opportunity through the government's Community Infrastructure Program (CIP) in celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday.

The program is an opportunity for municipalities to apply for up to \$1 million to help fund up to 50 percent of a project within the community. While the CIP for the 100th Anniversary allowed communities to begin a new project that would benefit the community, this one has some further restrictions to items such as road projects, or upgrades to an existing facility.

"I think we should spend some time and think about this," said Deputy Mayor Warren Maycock, during the discussion on the item. "Maybe we need to have a special meeting that we can deal just with this particular item and we can have some suggestions from staff and from council, so that we can come up with a significant project that would actually mean something to the community."

While the discussion during council was fairly short before agreeing to the idea of the special meeting, some ideas that were brought up were fixing the Tony Rose Pool (as proposed by Councillor Don Kidd) and seeing Rink B at the Tony Rose Arena potentially turned into an Arts & Culture Centre (proposed by Sylvia Bradley).

The special meeting for the application is open to the public, and council commented that public input is not only welcomed, but wanted as to some suggestions to what could be done with the grant.

For more information on the grant and what it entails visit canada150.gc.ca.