

# Cremona requests funding to upgrade 3rd Street East

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Village of Cremona officials have applied for funding to upgrade 3rd Street East at a cost of \$1,017,000.

The project involves completely digging up the road and replacing all of the infrastructure, according to Luana Smith, chief administrative officer for the village.

The street would become a paved road with sidewalks and curb and gutter, she said, adding not many roads in Cremona are paved.

"It's very important because there is a proposed development coming in and by upgrading this street we can improve all our water and wastewater lines and our stormwater

lines," said Smith.

She declined to say what the proposed development is.

"They (water lines) dead end in a lot of parts there and this way we can loop our water lines so people along that road and the new development will have a continuous water flow," she said.

"That will help with some water issues that some residents have experienced because they're at the end of the line and it doesn't loop, it stops, and so sometimes they get debris in their water and this will alleviate that."

She said the road has not been upgraded before and it's been on the village's to-do list for a while.

Village officials applied for the Small

Communities Fund to help pay for the project.

If approved, the provincial government, federal government and the village would each pay for a third of the project, which would be \$339,000.

She said the village applied for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East project because the proposed development provided an opportunity to receive funding for it, although other parts of town are "just as important."

She would like to see construction begin on the project as soon as possible but doesn't expect to hear back from the province for a while since the provincial election was called for May 5.

"The election put everything on hold," she said.