

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: June 26, 2023

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development

SUBJECT: Support for Application to the Complete Communities Program

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council SUPPORTS Administration's application to the Union of BC Municipalities for a grant of up to \$150,000 from the Complete Communities Program to facilitate a Complete Community Assessment and AUTHORIZES the Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Finance and IT Services to sign any necessary funding agreements if the application is successful.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to request Council's support to apply to the Union of BC Municipalities for a grant opportunity to facilitate a Complete Community Assessment.

BACKGROUND:

Complete communities as defined by the Ministry of Housing's Complete Communities Guide are communities, or areas within a community, which provide a diversity of housing to meet identified community needs and accommodate people at all stages of life and provide a wider range of employment opportunities, amenities, and services within a 15-20 minute walk.

A Complete Community Assessment is intended to support community planning processes and inform a local government's official community plan, regional growth strategy, zoning bylaw, or neighbourhood/secondary plan; housing needs report; an asset management or natural asset management plan; a master plan (e.g., an active transportation plan); or as part of another strategic or service planning process, such as the achievement of council or board priorities or monitoring progress on an existing plan or policy.

Administration is proposing to utilize the Complete Community Assessment process to collect and analyze data that can be used to support and enrich the Official Community Plan (OCP) Update Project. This critical data will support future policies that can help the City of Prince George to develop into a complete community with housing diversity, transportation equity, sustainable infrastructure investment, and access to daily needs to support creating a more complete community.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This application is consistent with Council's strategic priority for City Government and Infrastructure Priorities to:

Create and share a long-term vision roadmap with targets (including population targets) and milestones that reflect the integration of capital planning, asset management, infrastructure planning, and Official Community Plan renewal processes, and associated financial commitments.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Ministry of Housing has provided \$10 million in funding that the Union of BC Municipalities is administering through the Complete Communities Program. The Complete Communities program can contribute a maximum of 100% of the cost of eligible activities to a maximum of \$150,000.00.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

By applying to the Complete Communities Program, the City can be awarded funding to support and enrich the OCP Update Project by aligning and advancing community goals to create a more complete community.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Deanna Wasnik, Director of Planning and Development

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APPROVED:

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2023/07/10