

DATE: February 10, 2020

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Dave Dyer, General Manager, Infrastructure and Public Works

SUBJECT: Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Application

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council:

1. RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION, the report dated February 7, 2020 from Dave Dyer, General Manager of Infrastructure and Public Works titled “*Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Application*”.
2. AUTHORIZES the City’s Financial Officer, and General Manager of Infrastructure and Public Works to sign any contract documents should grant approval be received.

PURPOSE:

To advise Council that Administration has identified and submitted four capital projects to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure’s new B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program. The active transportation capital projects are the Churchill Road Sidewalk, Chief Lake Road Rehabilitation, Henrey Road Upgrades and Ron Brent Park Redevelopment. This report further seeks Council authorization for the City’s Financial Officer, and General Manager of Infrastructure and Public Works to sign any contract documents should grant approval be received.

BACKGROUND:

The B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program replaces the BikeBC Grant Program and provides cost-sharing opportunities for network planning grants and infrastructure grants. Funding from these grant programs supports the development of active transportation infrastructure for all ages and abilities. For example, infrastructure grants fund:

- Multi-use protected travel lanes
- Pedestrian and cycling safety improvements
- End-of-trip facilities and other amenities
- Lighting and way-finding

The B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program provides guidance and cost-sharing for B.C. communities to make it easier and safer for people to walk, ride or roll using active transportation modes.

DISCUSSION:

A successful municipal “Active Transportation Network” is one that is utilized for commuting, running errands, tourism activities and increasing physical activity by users of all ages and abilities. This network should provide the opportunity to travel to the majority of the sections of the municipality in a safe environment, and by providing connectivity to other modes of active transportation.

The following projects are identified as projects that align with the B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program.

The Churchill Road sidewalk project is included in the 2020 Capital Plan and will provide direct pedestrian access from North Nechako Road to Edgewood Elementary School.

The Chief Lake Road project is part of the Road Rehabilitation plan for 2020, and this section will provide for the addition of bike lanes from Foothills Boulevard to Inglewood Road.

The Henrey Road Upgrades project includes a new sidewalk from Park Drive to Henrey Road, along the Highway 16W Frontage Road, and will provide a safe connection to Vanway Elementary School.

The Ron Brent Park Redevelopment project includes new sidewalks and stairs that connect Ron Brent Park to existing sidewalks on 17 Avenue and Victoria Street.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Promoting and encouraging various modes of active transportation as identified in the Active Transportation Plan, Official Community Plan and myPG.

The investment in active modes infrastructure aligns with Council’s goal to maintain fiscal sustainability and balance service levels with affordability of City services, facilities, and operations.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

For the 2020/2021 fiscal year, the B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program is providing funding, province-wide for projects that are part of an active transportation network plan, and that support the development of active transportation infrastructure for all ages and abilities.

The grant program will fund up to 50% or \$500,000 of eligible costs for each approved project. The application deadline for this intake is February 20, 2020. Applications will be evaluated, and an announcement of the successful projects will follow in 2020. Successful applicants will have until March 31, 2021, to complete their approved projects.

The Capital Plan includes all four projects listed above and are to be completed in 2020. The four projects have an approximate value of \$1.73M. If the City is successful with all four submissions, the Ministry could fund up to \$865,000.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

In recent years, the City has prioritized and is actively investing in our active transportation infrastructure as per our Corporate Priorities. Therefore, Administration has submitted all four projects for the 2020/2021 B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant program intake. These projects will

provide safe active transportation connections and continue to build our transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and trail networks and their interconnectivity.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Dave Dyer, General Manager, Infrastructure and Public Works

PREPARED BY: Chris Vliegenthart, Supervisor, Transportation

APPROVED:

Kathleen Soltis, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2020/02/24

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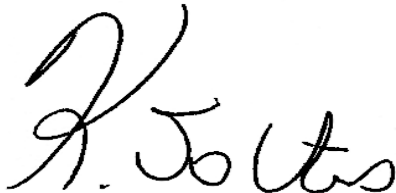
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