

Date: February 13, 2026

To: **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

Name and title: Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Subject: Funding update for the Little Prince Train Shelter

Attachment(s): N/A

Recommendation(s):

That the Standing Committee RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report titled, "Funding update for the Little Prince Train Shelter" from the Chair, dated February 13, 2026.

Purpose:

This report provides an update on the status of funding opportunities for the Little Prince Train shelter, which a high-level estimate has suggested may cost approximately \$1.25 million dollars to construct.

Background:

Research into provincial and federal funding programs that could be used for infrastructure and renovations for the Little Prince Train shelter was conducted by staff. Heritage Canada was contacted, and staff confirmed that, under new criteria introduced in the 2025 budget, any construction or renovation project is now **ineligible** for funding. The department noted that its website has not yet been updated to reflect these changes.

Several other grant programs were researched including:

- [Tourism Growth Program in British Columbia - Canada.ca](#)
- [Cultural Infrastructure | Northern Development](#)
- [Capital Project Grants - Province of British Columbia](#)
- [Arts Infrastructure Program | BC Arts Council](#)
- [Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada - Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program](#)
- [Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada - Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund: Applicant guide](#)
- [Enabling Accessibility Fund - Canada.ca](#)
- [Community Foundation projects | Our company | Canada Post](#)

These grants did not align with the needs of the Little Prince Train shelter project, or the City was not eligible to apply.

The Northern Development Initiative Trust has a Cultural Infrastructure grant which could be appropriate for the shelter project and can award grants up to **\$300,000** to a maximum of 50% of the eligible project budget. The next intake deadline is April 30, 2026.

Given the lack of eligibility for key federal and provincial funding streams and the modest level of grant funds that are available, administration recommends continued monitoring of available funding streams to identify new programs for which the city may be eligible for in the future. Information on the Northern Development Initiative Trust Cultural Infrastructure grant has been disseminated internally to relevant staff.

Summary and conclusion:

This report supports the continued monitoring of available funding streams to identify new programs for which the Little Prince Train shelter construction may be eligible for in the future.

Respectfully submitted:

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