



## COUNCIL REPORT

To: Paul Gipps, CAO

Date: October 4, 2022

From: Jason Luciw, Customer Service Supervisor

Subject: **BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** Council direct staff to apply to the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant seeking the maximum contribution of up to \$500,000 eligible costs for Phase 2 of the Boucherie Road Multi-use path between Ogden and Gregory Roads; and,

**THAT** Council authorize the Mayor and/or the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the required contribution agreement with the Province of BC.

### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

**Invest in Infrastructure** – We will invest in building, improving, and maintaining quality infrastructure to meet the needs of, and to provide a high quality of life for, current and future generations.

**Strengthen our Community** – We will provide opportunities for the residents of West Kelowna to build connections, celebrate successes, embrace the community's strengths and diversity, address shared needs, and contribute to shaping the community's future.

**Foster Safety and Well-Being** – We will pursue through direct action, advocacy, and partnerships with Westbank First Nation and local service providers, investments in community health, needs-based housing, emergency preparedness, policing, and other services that foster safety and well-being in West Kelowna.

### BACKGROUND

On Sept. 6, the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure re-opened the Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program. The program helps Indigenous and local governments with the costs of building active transportation networks including pathways, bike lanes, trails and overpasses. Applications are due by Oct. 21.

### DISCUSSION

Working with the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Engineering and Operations, staff weighed program criteria against eligible City projects that would be shovel ready by the time the Province of BC announces successful

applicants in late winter/early spring 2023. The Province says that grant award timing will align with next year's construction season, and give applicants time to include any provincial contribution in their budget considerations.

In order to be eligible a project must:

- Have completed detailed cost estimates and designs;
- Have a resolution confirming Council support;
- Be part of an active transportation network plan;
- Begin construction after provincial funding has been announced;
- Be completed by March 2024 if valued at less than \$1 million or by March 2025 if estimated expenditures are more than \$1 million;
- Be open to the public;
- Have all land, permits and rights-of-way secured before construction; and,
- Have demonstrated community support and consultation with large vehicle operators along the proposed route to ensure the new infrastructure does not impede larger vehicles.

Staff confirms that Phase 2 of the Boucherie Road Multi-use Pathway between Ogden and Gregory Roads will best meet these grant program criteria. The City of West Kelowna was also successful in receiving funding in 2017/2018, under this program's predecessor, for Boucherie Road Wine Trail Phase 2 improvements between Stuart and Ogden Roads, indicating further alignment with provincial objectives.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

If West Kelowna should receive BC Transportation Infrastructure Program funds, the City could reallocate an amount equal to the Province's contribution to other priority projects.

## **CONCLUSION**

Senior Management worked closely with staff in reviewing BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Program criteria; Boucherie Road Multi-use Pathway Phase 2 aligns best and provides the City with the best possible chance of success under this very competitive grant program. The program offers \$20 million province-wide and the provincial government aims to disperse funding equitably throughout the various regions of BC.

## **REVIEWED BY**

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**APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY**

Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: Yes ☐ No ☒