



COUNCIL REPORT
Corporate Initiatives
For the February 11, 2020 Council Meeting

DATE: February 4, 2020
TO: Paul Gipps, CAO
FROM: Jason Luciw, Communications Supervisor
RE: BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant – Glenrosa Road Improvements

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

THAT the City of West Kelowna apply to the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant seeking the maximum available funding of \$500,000 under the program towards the eligible costs of constructing planned improvements to the Glenrosa and McIver Roads Corridors;

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the contribution agreements for a successful application; and,

THAT Council amend the 2020 to 2024 Financial Plan as required for a successful application.

RATIONALE:

The Province of British Columbia is seeking applications from municipal, Indigenous and regional governments to invest in infrastructure projects that improve cycling and pedestrian connectivity.

The Glenrosa and McIver Road corridors serve as major collectors for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and transit users, have been identified as lacking in active transportation infrastructure based on their degree of use, and are slated for upgrades in 2020.

BACKGROUND:

At the time of this report, City staff were to host a public open house on February 05 seeking public feedback on the proposed designs for improvements to Glenrosa and McIver Roads. Results of that feedback are due a short time after the close of subsequent online consultation on February 14, however the next Council meeting after that date is February 25 and a Council resolution is required in support of the City of West Kelowna's application prior to the funding program's February 20, 2020 submission deadline.

While staff expect constructive feedback related to some of the design details, the consensus among the public and Council is that these corridors are aging and in need of improvements and therefore staff is seeking Council's authorization to apply for grant funding for needed active transportation infrastructure improvements along the Glenrosa/McIver corridors.

In December 2019, the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure announced changes to Bike BC, a program aimed primarily at improving commuter level cycling infrastructure on major roads and highways in communities throughout the province. The provincial government recreated the program as the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant and expanded the scope to include funding support for all types of active transportation infrastructure, such as pedestrian safety improvements, improved lighting along pathways and end-of-trip facilities.

Staff has conducted a detailed review of the grant application criteria and weighed them against a transportation review and experts' analyses of the proposed improvements to Glenrosa and McIver Roads, and has determined that the project is a good fit for the funding program.

COUNCIL REPORT/RESOLUTION HISTORY:

Date	Report Topic/Resolution	Resolution No.
January 14, 2020	It was moved and seconded: THAT Council direct staff to complete the design of the Glenrosa Road Improvements as shown in the conceptual plans and present the plans to the public at an Open House. The motion carried with Councillor Friesen opposed.	C016/20
December 16, 2019	It was moved and seconded: THAT Council support the 2020 Capital Budget Request for Roads as follows: C2020-2 Glenrosa from Glen Abbey to McGinnis, Construction \$6,500,000. The motion carried unanimously.	C423/19

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council has adopted first reading of the 2020 to 2024 Financial Plan Bylaw, which includes transportation and drainage improvements for the Glenrosa and McIver Roads Corridors totalling \$9.275 million. The City is allocating funding from various sources including Capital Development Cost Charges for Roads and Storm Sewers, Gas Tax Reserve Funds, Capital Reserve Funds and Powers Creek Water System Reserve Funds. If successful in its application under the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program, the City of West Kelowna would allocate up to \$500,000 in provincial funding towards the project and retain an equal amount in reserves for other needed infrastructure projects.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Allen Fillion, Director of Engineering & PW
 Warren Everton, Director of Finance/CFO
 Sandy Webster, Director of Corporate Initiatives
 Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: No
 Attachments: No