

Report to Council



Date: September 26, 2022
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: 2022/23 BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Application
Department: Integrated Transportation

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives for information, the report from Integrated Transportation dated September 26, 2022, with respect to the 2022/2023 BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Application;

AND THAT Council authorize staff to apply for two Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants for the Casorso 3 (KLO to Lanfranco) and Houghton 2 (Hollywood to Rutland) active transportation projects, as outlined in this report;

AND THAT The City of Kelowna confirms the above-mentioned projects are municipal priorities, planned for construction in 2023 and intended to be complete within the required timeline for the grant;

AND THAT Council support staff to manage all tasks necessary to complete the grant, if successful;

AND THAT, if the grant application is successful, the 2022 Financial Plan will be amended to include receipt of funds;

AND FURTHER THAT The City of Kelowna will be responsible for its share of eligible costs, ineligible costs, and potential overruns related to the project.

Purpose:

To authorize staff to apply for a BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant for the Casorso 3 and Houghton 2 Active Transportation Corridor Projects.

Background:

The B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program supports community-specific active transportation networks that are safe, accessible, and convenient for all ages and abilities. Local governments are allowed to submit applications for two projects, covering 50 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$500,000 per project. Since 2014, the City has received \$6.2 million in financial

support through this program for projects such as the Okanagan Rail Trail, John Hindle Drive multi-use pathway, and earlier phases of the Ethel corridor.

Discussion:

The Casorso 3 ATC project will extend the Ethel Street/Casorso Road active transportation corridor 400 metres south from KLO Road to Lanfranco Road. The overall design is similar to the recent phases of Ethel Street between Sutherland Avenue and Raymer Avenue.

The Houghton 2 ATC project extends the existing Houghton multi-use pathway 800 metres to the east from Hollywood Road to Rutland Road. This will connect the Rutland Urban Centre to the Okanagan Rail Trail and Kelowna's broader walking and biking network. An improved crossing at Rutland Road will also connect to neighbourhoods to the east. The overall design is similar to the existing multi-use pathway between Leathead and Hollywood.

Conclusion:

These projects are in alignment with the 2040 Official Community Plan, 2040 Transportation Master Plan, 10-Year Capital Plan, Community for All Action Plan, and will help achieve Council's Priority that more trips are made by biking, walking and transit.

If these applications are successful, the City will use the funding to offset project costs, address potential cost overruns, and explore opportunities to accelerate the design and construction of active transportation infrastructure in the 10-Year Capital Plan.

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Considerations applicable to this report:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Funding of \$1.7M for the Casorso 3 ATC (KLO – Lanfranco) is currently included in the 2022 Financial Plan.

The Houghton 2 ATC (Hollywood – Rutland) has funding of \$3.3M allocated in the 2022 Financial Plan. Staff anticipate that additional funding will be necessary to address inflation in construction costs, property acquisitions, and additions to the project's scope. A supplemental request of \$1.2M will be included in the 2023 Preliminary Budget for Council's consideration in December.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

External Agency/Public Comments
Communications Comments
Legal/Statutory Authority
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements

Existing Policy

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