

# Report to Council



**Date:** January 9, 2023  
**To:** Council  
**From:** City Manager  
**Subject:** Pandosy Waterfront Park Grants  
**Department:** Partnerships Office

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**Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Partnerships Office dated January 9, 2023, with respect to the Pandosy Waterfront Park Grants received.

AND THAT the 2022 Financial Plan be amended to include the receipt of funds.

**Purpose:**

To amend the 2022 Financial Plan to include the receipt of funds from the Provincial Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program and the Federal Canada Community Revitalization Fund for accessibility and inclusivity features at the Pandosy Waterfront Park.

**Background:**

Pandosy Waterfront Park is the City’s newest urban lakefront park and will be the premier paddle craft destination on Okanagan Lake.

In 2022, the City of Kelowna received \$390,925 from the Provincial Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program and \$750,000 from the Federal Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the Pandosy Waterfront Park. These grants will help contribute to the Imagine Kelowna vision to create great public spaces that bring people together and support an increase in tourism to the region by providing a unique paddling experience for people of all ages and abilities.

**Discussion:**

**Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program – Destination Development Stream**

The Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program from the Province of BC provides grants to support economic resilience, tourism, heritage, and urban and rural economic development projects in communities impacted by COVID-19.

The City was successful in receiving \$390,925 of funding to develop a public pier at Pandosy Waterfront Park to promote water-based opportunities and contribute to tourism. This grant will fund an elevated pier timber public structure, architectural pier handrail, and paddle buoys.

**Canada Community Revitalization Fund**

The Canada Community Revitalization Fund is a national investment of \$500 million over two years to help fund communities across Canada build and improve community infrastructure projects to rebound from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City was successful in receiving \$750,000 of funding from the Government of Canada for the Pandosy Waterfront Park Accessibility Project. The funding will go towards accessibility and inclusivity features at the Pandosy Waterfront Park, including an accessible floating dock and kayak launch, accessible paddle and foot wash station, pedestrian lighting, accessible wayfinding signage, and accessible picnic tables.

**Conclusion:**

The City actively pursues grants to reduce municipal taxation and to leverage City funding for infrastructure, services, and program to support Council, corporate and community priorities.

These two senior government grants will significantly enhance accessibility and inclusivity at the Pandosy Waterfront Park to create a unique paddling location on Okanagan Lake.

To meet the funding requirements, the accessibility and inclusivity features are underway and will be complete by spring 2023.

**Internal Circulation:**

- Parks & Buildings Planning
- Financial Services
- Communications

**Considerations applicable to this report:**

***Financial/Budgetary Considerations:***

The Financial Plan Amendment Policy (FIN-032) requires Council approval, through a Report to Council, for amendments greater than \$200,000 prior to Financial Plan amendments being made.

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

***Legal/Statutory Authority:***

***Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:***

***Existing Policy:***

***External Agency/Public Comments:***

***Communications Comments:***

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