

Report to Council



Date: February 10, 2025
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Growing Canada's Community Canopies Grant 2025
Department: Partnerships Office

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Partnerships Office dated February 10, 2025 with respect to the Growing Canada's Community Canopies Grant;

AND THAT Council directs staff to apply for grant funding to the Growing Canada's Community Canopies Grant program, administered through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;

AND THAT Council authorizes staff to execute all documents necessary to complete and manage the grant;

AND FURTHER THAT if that grant application is successful, the Financial Plan be amended to include the receipt of funds.

Purpose:

To inform Council of the Growing Canada's Community Canopies Grant, and to receive support to apply for the grant funding.

Council Priority Alignment:

Climate & Environment

Background:

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund (GMF) is a \$2.4B investment from the Government of Canada in a bundle of funding programs that delivers environmental, economic, and social impact.

Under the GMF, the Growing Canada's Community Canopies (GCCC) funding program is a \$291M initiative that will support planting of at least 1.2 million trees across the country. The initiative is a part of GMF's broader approach to nature-based climate solutions, which will achieve significant carbon

sequestration and increase forest and community resilience to climate change. Tree planting funding is for new tree planting projects, supporting communities to grow, manage, and protect their tree canopies.

Previous Council Resolutions

Growing Canada's Community Canopies Grant

Resolution	Date
<p>THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Partnerships Office dated October 21, 2024 with respect to the Growing Canada's Community Canopies Grant;</p> <p>AND THAT Council directs staff to apply for grant funding to the Growing Canada's Community Canopies Grant program, administered through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;</p> <p>AND THAT Council authorizes staff to execute all documents necessary to complete and manage the grant;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT if that grant application is successful, the Financial Plan be amended to include the receipt of funds.</p>	<p>October 21, 2024</p>

Resolution	Date
<p>THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Partnerships Office dated July 22, 2024 with respect to the Growing Canada's Community Canopies Grant;</p> <p>AND THAT Council directs staff to apply for grant funding to the Growing Canada's Community Canopies Grant program, administered through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;</p> <p>AND THAT Council authorizes staff to execute all documents necessary to complete and manage the grant;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT if that grant application is successful, the Financial Plan be amended to include the receipt of funds.</p>	<p>July 22, 2024</p>

Discussion:

The City is applying to the GCCC Tree Planting fund for the Glenmore Recreation Park – Tree Canopy Edge Project. The project includes planting over 300 trees and associated shrubs in Glenmore Recreation Park.

The project's plan includes providing soil, mulch, and irrigation to supply the growing conditions trees will need to mature. The added trees will provide increased aesthetics, shade, and comfort for park users and wildlife habitat.

Conclusion:

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

Funding from the Growing Canada's Community Canopies fund will support initiatives to increase tree canopy throughout Kelowna.

Internal Circulation:

Infrastructure Delivery
Parks Planning & Design
Planning, Climate Action & Development Services
Finance

Considerations applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Consultation and Engagement:

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