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REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

PRESENTED:	JULY 27, 2020 – REGULAR MEETING	REPORT:	20-106
FROM:	ENGINEERING DIVISION	FILE:	5330-20-024
SUBJECT:	INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM BRITISH COLUMBIA – COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE		

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council approve a grant application to the Federal-Provincial Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Fund, for eligible costs related to the Fort Langley Pedestrian Overpass Project; and further

That Council pre-approve the Township's required share of the funding at 26.67% of the overall costs, equivalent to \$1,400,000 utilizing committed external third party funding, with any shortfall, up to a maximum of \$250,000 from the 2021 Transportation Operating Contribution to Capital funding envelope.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff is requesting Council's approval to proceed with a grant application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) - British Columbia Community, Culture and Recreation (CCR) Infrastructure program to facilitate construction of a Pedestrian and Cyclist Overpass in Fort Langley (Project). This Project meets the program's eligibility criteria and is considered to be ranked relatively high as a "shovel-worthy" suitable candidate to receive program funding based on the Project's focus on improving access, and enhancing the quality of cultural, recreational and community spaces.

The program offers funding of up to 73.33% of the total eligible costs associated with projects. The remaining share of 26.67% of the total eligible costs are the responsibility of the local governments. One application may be submitted by each local government, and must be submitted by October 1, 2020, supported by a Council resolution. Funding decisions are generally made one year from intake, targeting projects that are deemed "shovel-ready" that will be initiated in 2021 or 2022 and able to be completed by March 31, 2026.

The Project entails construction of a pedestrian and cyclist overpass over the CN Rail Corridor and River Road, from the Fort Langley National Historic Site to Marina Park (please refer to the conceptual map presented as Attachment A).

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's authorization to submit a grant application for a pedestrian and cyclists overpass based on the specified eligibility criteria of the Federal-Provincial ICIP - Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Fund, and to seek budget pre-approval in order to comply with submission requirements.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The Canada-British Columbia ICIP is intended to assist communities address their infrastructure needs, while supporting long-term economic growth, building inclusive, sustainable communities, and support a low carbon, green economy. Under ICIP, the CCR stream focusses on projects that improve citizen's access to and/or increased quality of cultural, recreational and/or community Infrastructure for Canadians, including Indigenous peoples and vulnerable populations.

The program requirements also specify that projects must be authorized by resolution of Council, approving the municipality's cost-share of the project.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

It is recommended that Council approve submission of a grant application to the ICIP for this Project, with a cost estimate of \$5,200,000.

It is further recommended that Council provide pre-approval for the Township's required share of \$1,400,000, to be funded using currently committed external third party funding, with any possible shortfalls, up to a maximum of \$250,000 to be funded from the 2021 Transportation Operating Contribution to Capital funding envelope, as needed.

The program offers funding up to seventy-three and one third percent (73.33%) of the total eligible costs. The remaining share of twenty-six and two-thirds percent (26.67%) of the total eligible costs would be the responsibility of the Township. Municipalities may submit one application, which must be made by October 1, 2020, and be supported by Council resolution.

The identified Project is the Fort Langley Pedestrian Overpass (RDS1323-01). This Project will address safety concerns related to pedestrian and cyclist interfaces with the CN Railway corridor and River Road, and improve connectivity for Fort to Fort and TransCanada Trail users. Further safety concerns will be addressed by the provision of a consistent level of access for Kwantlen First Nation's community work at the National Historic Site and other businesses in Fort Langley that are often delayed due to the progressively longer trains and at-grade crossings of the rail corridor.

Finally, the Project will also enhanced access and connectivity to the proposed new Heritage Centre, and allow the Fort Langley National Historic Site and the Fort Langley Museum to extend exhibitions and educational opportunities into outdoor space along the river. The Project is also anticipated to increase job opportunities for both local and indigenous communities as it is connected to the new Heritage Centre and the National Historic Site.

In summary, the Project will provide a lasting benefit to the entire community, including visitors, by reconnecting the Fort to the water and providing connection to create a loop trail that travels from the Fort, along the Bedford channel waterfront, and then back through the Fort Langley urban area, safely.

Intergovernmental Implications:

The Fort Langley National Historic Site is located on an upper elevation site that is disconnected from a lower riverfront property due to separation by both a road corridor and the CN Rail line. Parks Canada staff have provided support for a pedestrian and cycling trail linking the National Historic Site and their undeveloped waterfront property so that it may be safely accessed and utilized for experiential programs and events.

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Kwantlen First Nation members have voiced concerns that the rail tracks isolate their lands on McMillan Island from Fort Langley, and pose a risk to their community if a train derailment were to occur. Additionally, the Kwantlen First Nation are involved in the establishment of a new Indigenous museum adjacent to the National Historic Site, and have indicated that a pedestrian overpass is an important component of their economic development plans.

Financial Implications:

Detailed design work and construction for this project are eligible for grant funding. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$5,200,000. A successful application will result in Federal and Provincial contributions of \$2,100,000 and \$1,732,500, respectively, totalling over \$3,800,000 of grant funding.

The Township's share of the costs is estimated at \$1,400,000, proposed to be funded from external third party sources. Any shortfalls, likely due to the high-level estimate, up to an amount of \$250,000 is recommended to be approved for funding utilizing the 2021 Transportation Operating Contribution to Capital funding envelope. Council pre-approval of 2021 Capital funding for the Fort Langley Pedestrian Overpass in project RDS1323-01 is required in order for the Township to be eligible to submit application for ICIP grant funding of over \$3,800,000.

Respectfully submitted,

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This report has been prepared in consultation with the following listed departments.

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ATTACHMENT A Concept Plan



- EXISTING TRANSCANADA TRAIL
 TRANSCANADA TRAIL - FORT LANGLEY HERITAGE TOUR
 FORT TO FORT TRAIL
 PROPOSED REALIGNMENT OF TRANSCANADA TRAIL

- A. - CULTURAL CENTRE MIXED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AREA
- B.. - JACOB HALDI HOUSE RESTORATION PROJECT
- C. - WORK, LIVE AND LODGE SPACES
- D. - RIVERSIDE CONCEPTS - TRAILS & PEDESTRIAN CYCLING BRIDGE