



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Public Works & Environmental Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Phil Bartnik, Director Public Works & Environmental Services

Date to Council: July 27, 2021

Report Number: PWES- 2021-35

Subject: Canada Community Revitalization Fund

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Report No. PWES-2021-35 Canada Community Revitalization Fund **be received**.

And that the Town's application to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the Riverside Drive Trail project (as described in report PWES-2021-29) **be endorsed**.

Background

The Government of Canada recognizes that Canadian cities and towns flourish when they have community infrastructure to promote social interaction and physical activity, and provide access to recreational programs and facilities.

In a press release dated June 23, 2021, the Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, encouraged eligible applicants to submit their applications for the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF). The CCRF aims to help communities across Canada build and improve community infrastructure projects so they can rebound from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. With a national investment of \$500 million over two years, the CCRF will support not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and other community groups, as well as Indigenous communities to:

- build new community infrastructure and revitalize existing assets
- bring people back to public spaces safely as health measures ease
- create jobs and stimulate local economies

The CCRF will provide support for projects involving adapting and re-imagining/re-envisioning community spaces and maintaining accessibility standards so that they may safely be used by communities in accordance with social distancing and local public health guidelines to help revitalize areas and support future planning efforts. Projects could include community transformation infrastructure to help rejuvenate communities, downtown cores, main streets, and shared spaces. An example of an eligible project provided by CCRF is the construction of recreational trails.

Projects funded under the CCRF could receive a maximum contribution of up to \$750,000 (or \$1 million depending on project location), with funding to cover up to 75% of the total project costs. All contributions will be non-repayable. This is a one-time special scheduled intake that will focus on eligible projects that are ready to proceed. **The deadline for the application submission was July 23, 2021.**

Further details of the CCRF are contained on their [website](#).

Comments

In review of possible projects that meet the eligibility criteria, were close to being 'shovel ready' and would maximize the grant amount available, Administration determined that the Riverside Drive Trail was the ideal candidate project. The Town's Application was made prior to the July 23, 2021 deadline for the maximum funding amount of \$750,000 under the program. The start date for the funding program is retroactive to April 19, 2021, with a project completion date of March 31, 2023.

Project approval and funding allocation for the Riverside Drive Trail was initially approved at the December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council through the '2017-2021 PWES Capital Works Plan' and carried through subsequent PWES Capital Works Plans.

At the June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, through Report PWES-2021-29 titled 'Riverside Drive Trail: Final Review and Recommendation', Council passed the following recommendations (Motion: RCM-196/21):

That Report No. PWES-2021-29 Riverside Drive Trail: Final Review and Recommendation be received;

And that the recommendation from the Town's Consultants, Bezaire Partners and Dillon Consulting Limited, to proceed with the installation of a recreational multi-use trail on the south side of Riverside Drive from the Tecumseh-Windsor border to Manning Road be adopted;

And that the Riverside Drive Trail project proceed to the detailed design stage in accordance with the recommendations from the Town's Consultants.

Consultations

Financial Services
Dillon Consulting Limited

Financial Implications

Council approved funding for the Riverside Drive Trail as part of Report No. 54/16 (Motion RCM-442/16) and Report PWES-2020-33 (Motion: RCM-375/20), for a total project cost of \$1,239,300. Project funding was distributed between the Infrastructure Reserve (\$1,201,800) and the Storm Sewer Lifecycle Reserve (\$37,500).

The following financial implications would arise if the Town's Application to the CCRF is approved:

Item	CCRF Program (75%, Max \$0.75M)
Total project costs	\$1,239,300
Eligible project costs (retroactive to April 19, 2021)	\$1,169,000
Requested federal funding (75%, Max \$750,000)	\$750,000
Amount to be funded by Town	\$489,300
Infrastructure Reserve	\$451,800
Storm Sewer Lifecycle Reserve	37,500

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

Communications

Not applicable ☒

Website ☐

Social Media ☐

News Release ☐

Local Newspaper ☐

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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Attachment Number	Attachment Name
None	None