



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: September 14, 2021

Report Number: PWES- 2021-40

Subject: Canada Community Revitalization Fund – Riverside Drive Trail

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That a by-law **be prepared** to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Contribution Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages (“Canada”) and The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh (“Town”), in a form satisfactory to the Town’s Solicitor, financial content satisfactory to the Town’s Chief Financial Officer and technical content satisfactory to the Town’s Engineer, for a grant under the Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the post-pandemic recovery project that includes the installation of a recreational multi-use trail on the south side of Riverside Drive from the Tecumseh-Windsor border to Manning Road (“Riverside Drive Trail Project”).

Background

In a news release published August 13, 2021, the federal government announced its financial support from the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) for post-pandemic recovery for the Town of Tecumseh to help fund our community infrastructure project, the Riverside Drive Trail, in order to rebound from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With a national investment of \$500 million over the next 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 Government of Canada recognizes that Canadian cities and towns flourish when they can incorporate health and wellness into their community public spaces and promote social interaction and physical activity. These amenities are integral to the overall well-being of individuals, families and communities. Our economic recovery is closely linked to the vitality of our local communities and their shared spaces.

This one-time special intake will fund up to 75%, to a maximum of \$750,000, of the total project costs of the Riverside Drive Trail from the Windsor-Tecumseh border easterly to Manning Road.

Comments

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

Following detailed review and analysis, inclusive of public consultation, comparative costs, key issues and an evaluation of trail options, Council, at its June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, authorized Administration to proceed with the detailed design and construction of a 2.4m – 2.7m wide asphalt, off-road multi-use recreational trail along the south side of Riverside Drive between the Tecumseh-Windsor border and Manning Road (Motion: RCM-196/21).

The Town submitted an application to the CCRF on July 22, 2021 for the Riverside Drive Trail Project totalling \$1,239,300. On August 13, 2021, the Town received correspondence from the Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, congratulating the Town of Tecumseh on the funding approval under the CCRF. The news release announcing the federal investment in this post-pandemic recovery project is provided in Attachment 1.

Following receipt of the Town's successful funding application for the CCRP, an agreement must be executed between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages and The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh for the Riverside Drive Trail Project.

An agreement is being prepared by Canada and will be reviewed by Administration and the Town's Solicitor. The final agreement will be brought to Council for approval and execution by means of a future by-law.

Eligible costs as determined under the terms and conditions of the CCRF and incurred as of April 19, 2021 will be eligible for federal reimbursement subject to the timely execution of a Contribution Agreement. Once signed, the Contribution Agreement represents the final federal approval of the Project.

Consultations

Corporate Services & Clerk
Financial Services
Town Solicitor

Financial Implications

Federal funding of the Project from the CCRF will be up to 75% of the total eligible project costs, to a maximum federal contribution of \$750,000 under this program.

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). Total project costs incurred from start to March 31, 2021 amount to approximately \$70,000, and are ineligible for grant purposes.

Item	CCRF Program (75%, Max \$.75M)
Total project costs	\$1,239,300
Eligible project costs (retroactive to April 19, 2021)	\$1,169,000
Approved 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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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment Number	Attachment Name
1	News Release published August 13, 2021