



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Public Works & Engineering Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Phil Bartnik, Director Public Works & Engineering Services

Date to Council: March 14, 2023

Report Number: PWES-2023-24

Subject: Active Transportation Fund - Multi-Use Recreational Trails
Lesperance Road and Little River Boulevard and the
Rehabilitation of Lesperance Road

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That PWES-2023-24 Active Transportation Fund – Multi-Use Recreational Trails: Lesperance Road and Little River Boulevard and the Rehabilitation of Lesperance Road, **be received**;

And that Administration be **authorized to proceed** with the project and prepare a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Transfer Payment Agreement between His Majesty the King in right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (“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 the grant received from the Active Transportation Fund 2022 Intake for the Multi-Use Recreational Trails: Lesperance Road and Little River Boulevard Project.

Background

The Active Transportation Fund (ATF) is a national, merit-based contribution program intended to support projects that improve active transportation infrastructure across

Canada. The multi-year program has a capital stream that funds up to 60% of eligible costs, with no cap. Projects funded under this program must be completed by March 31, 2026.

At the March 8, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council, Council authorized Administration, under report [PWES-2022-11](#), to submit an application for funding under the ATF for a future commitment to install a multi-use recreational trail on the west side of Lesperance Road (from Riverside Drive to First Street) and on the north side of Little River Boulevard (from Lesperance Road to Gauthier Street) (Motion: RCM-84/22). The Project Location Map is provided in Attachment 1.

As part of the 2023-2027 PWES Capital Works Plan, Council approved the allocation of project funds for both the multi-use recreational trails and the road rehabilitation works from the Road Lifecycle Reserve and the Infrastructure Reserve as detailed in [PWES Report 2023-01](#) titled “2023-2027 Public Works & Engineering Services Five-year Capital Works Plan” (Motion: SCM-04/23).

Comments

Multi-Use Recreational Trails: Lesperance Road and Little River Boulevard Project

A Transfer Payment Agreement must be executed between His Majesty the King in right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities, and The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh respecting the grant allocation through the ATF 2022 Intake.

The Town received a copy of the draft agreement for review by Administration and the Town’s Solicitor. The agreement will be finalized following evidence that Tecumseh Town Council has approved proceeding with the project and entering into a funding agreement. The Town must also provide evidence that all project funding other than the federal contribution has been secured (via Council Resolutions).

With Council’s authorization to proceed, Administration will bring the final agreement to Council for approval and execution by means of a future by-law.

With the approval in principle, eligible costs as determined under the terms and conditions of the ATF will be eligible for federal reimbursement subject to the timely execution of the agreement. Once signed, the agreement represents the final federal approval of the Project.

Lesperance Road Rehabilitation (McNorton Street to First Street)

The 2019 Roads Needs Study identified Lesperance Road from McNorton Street to First Street as needing improvements within a six-to-ten-year time period. There is an opportunity for efficiencies to include the rehabilitation: milling and paving; catch basin and manhole repairs; and new pavement markings for the continuation of the on-street bike lanes, as part of the Multi-Use Recreational Trail project. The anticipated construction timing of 2025 meets the requirement of the ATF program as well as the timing within the 2019 Roads Needs Study for improvements to Lesperance Road.

Consultations

Financial Services
Town Solicitor

Financial Implications

As part of the 2023-2027 PWES Capital Works Plan, Council has already approved the allocation of project funds for both the road rehabilitation work and the multi-use recreational trails from the Road Lifecycle Reserve and the Infrastructure Reserve as detailed in [PWES Report 2023-01](#). The total project cost is as follows:

Item	Amount
Total project costs	\$4,700,000
Total Lesperance Road Rehabilitation	\$340,000
Total Multi-Use Trail costs	\$4,360,000
Federal Funding (60%)	\$2,616,000
Amount to be funded by the Town	\$2,084,000
• Road Lifecycle Reserve	\$340,000
• Infrastructure Reserve	\$1,744,000

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
<input 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	Project Location Map