



**Date:** March 6, 2023

**To:** Mayor and Council

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**RE:** Road 2 East – Active Transportation Grant Funding

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. That the Mayor and Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the requisite Active Transportation Fund agreement with His Majesty The King In Right Of Canada pertaining to grant funding for construction of a multi-use path on Road 2 East.

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2022, the Federal Government announced the “Active Transportation Fund” offering \$400 million dollars over five years to support a modal shift away from cars and toward active transportation (in support of Canada's National Active Transportation Strategy). This Active Transportation Fund will invest in projects that build new and expanded networks of pathways, bike lanes, trails, pedestrian bridges, and support active transportation planning and stakeholder engagement activities.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Town's Comprehensive Transportation Master Plan recommends the installation of a multi-use path on Road 2 East from County Road 45 to County Road 29. The first phase of this construction is now complete. Construction of the remaining phase from Graham Sideroad to County Road 29 is tentatively scheduled for 2023.

The Town authored a grant application in response to the Federal Active Transportation Fund for the remaining phase of multi-use path on Road 2 East. The Federal Government has now provided a formal response indicating this application has been approved.

One condition of receiving this grant funding is Council passing a resolution authorizing the execution of a Contribution Agreement with the Federal Government.

At a future Council Meeting, Administration will seek approval to award a tender for Road 2 East reconstruction (including the multi-use pathway construction).

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The total estimated cost of multi-use path and supporting infrastructure (streetlights, curbs, etc.) construction is \$2,650,000. Per the terms of the grant approval, 60% of the total cost will be reimbursed by the Federal Government. That equates to a maximum contribution of \$1,590,000 of conditionally approved grant funding.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Active transportation provides tangible benefits to communities including reduced greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and noise pollution.

## **CONSULTATIONS**

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