



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

TO:	Council	
DATE:	November 24, 2020	DIVISION: All
FILE:	1025-450	APPLICATION: N/A
SUBJECT:	Municipal Stimulus Program Funding- Proposed Pathway Projects	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the September 1, 2020 Council meeting, Council approved a budget adjustment of \$4,684,300 to accommodate anticipated funding from the Government of Alberta's Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP). Administration has identified a number of eligible projects for the MSP funding, including \$1,800,000 for pathway projects.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

The Government of Alberta recently announced a capital infrastructure funding program for Municipalities, the MSP, with the primary objective of sustaining and creating local jobs, enhancing provincial competitiveness and productivity, positioning communities to participate in future economic growth, and reducing municipal red tape to promote job-creating private sector investment.

Rocky View County has been allocated MSP grant funding of \$4,684,300. This funding provides Rocky View County the opportunity to construct infrastructure that previously had no funding source.

Of the \$4,684,300 total funding, Administration is recommending \$1,800,000 be allocated toward pathway projects. The proposed pathway projects will encourage, healthy, active living for all County residents and address preliminary recommendations from the Recreation Master Plan which suggests investment should be made into lifecycle maintenance on County owned pathways and trails.

Pathway Projects

1. Langdon Park Pathway: replacement of the existing pathway in the County owned Langdon Park. Removal of the existing, aged pathway infrastructure and replacement with a new asphalt pathway will improve public safety. (Estimated Project Cost: \$360,000)
2. Elbow Valley Pathway: replacement of the Regional Pathway along Lott Creek Drive between Lott Creek Boulevard and Range Road 31, south of Highway 8 in Elbow Valley. The existing infrastructure has exceeded its life expectancy; replacement is required to improve public safety. (Estimated Project Cost: \$425,000)
3. Dewitt's Pond: This popular trail on a County owned parcel west of the City of Airdrie is used for recreation and access to a fish-stocked water body owned by the Government of Alberta. The existing trail has exceeded its life expectancy and is due for replacement. Replacement of the trail will improve public safety. (Estimated Project Cost: \$75,000)

Administration Resources

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4. Anderson Avenue NE and Douglas Avenue NE, Langdon: Anderson and Douglas Avenues NE are used by cyclists and pedestrians to travel to school and Langdon Park. Installation of signage and shared lane pavement markings will help to safely convey pedestrians and cyclists. (Estimated Project Cost: \$9,000)
5. 4th Street NE, Langdon: This section of 4th Street NE, from Sarah Thompson School south to Douglas Avenue NE is used by pedestrians and cyclists to travel to school and Langdon Park. An extension of the existing sidewalk and the installation of a crosswalk on 4th Street NE will help to safely convey pedestrians and cyclists. (Estimated Project Cost: \$25,000)
6. Calling Horse Estates Trail: The existing aggregate trail on a County owned Municipal Reserve in the community of Calling Horse in Springbank has become overgrown. A rehabilitation of the trail will provide users a delineated route to safely navigate this popular recreation area. (Estimated Project Cost: \$36,000)
7. Monterra Estates Pathway*: replacement of portions of the local pathway within the Monterra Estates community, in Cochrane Lakes. The existing infrastructure has exceeded its life expectancy; replacement is required to improve public safety. (Estimated Project Cost: \$220,000)
8. Banded Peak Trail, Bragg Creek: Upgrade the existing trail, which runs parallel to Highway 22 from the Bragg Creek Community Centre to the Banded Peak School from aggregate to asphalt pathway. This trail is commonly used by students travelling between the Hamlet and the school. (Estimated Project Cost: \$450,000)
9. West Bragg Creek Trail, Bragg Creek: Formalize the existing informal trail to asphalt pathway between Balsam Avenue and Bracken Road. This pathway will formally connect the Hamlet of Bragg Creek to the existing Great Trail along West Bragg Creek Road operated by the Greater Bragg Creek Trails Association. (Estimated Project Cost: \$200,000)

*The Monterra Estates pathway project was not included in the MSP application. Although application guidelines indicate no change in scope will be permitted, Municipal Affairs did not anticipate an issue; when the County reports the Statement of Funding Expenditures, only one line will be required for all pathway projects. The risk of including the Monterra Estate pathway project is therefore considered low.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Increased MSP grant revenue allocated for nine pathway projects (\$1,800,000.00) with zero cost to Rocky View County.

OPTIONS:

- Option #1: THAT this report be received as information.
- Option #2: THAT alternative direction be provided.



ROCKY VIEW COUNTY

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT ‘A’ – Proposed Pathway Project Maps