



CAPITAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT

TO:	Council	DIVISION:	3
DATE:	May 10, 2022	APPLICATION:	N/A
FILE:	N/A		
SUBJECT:	Budget Adjustment – Woodland Road Upgrade		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Calgary is in the process of developing the Haskayne Legacy Park located within city limits adjacent to Rocky View County in Bears paw. The County, in collaboration with the City of Calgary and representation from area landowners, has been working toward a solution for the park access road, Woodland Road, which is a Rocky View County road.

In order to address the increase in traffic on Woodland Road as a result of the park development, the City of Calgary has provided a commitment of \$4,400,000 towards paving Woodland Road. Administration is requesting a budget adjustment of \$4,700,000 to proceed with the upgrade of Woodland Road to a paved standard from Highway 1A to the existing park access gate (approximately 3.3km length). The County's contribution to the project is estimated at \$300,000. Additionally, if approved the project would be managed by the County.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Calgary has been working on development of the Haskayne Legacy Park which is located adjacent to Bears paw in Rocky View County. The park improvements encompass planting of over 1000 trees and 2600 shrubs, hard plaza and sidewalk construction, parking lot development, pathway development (including a regional pathway with boardwalk viewpoints along the north bank of the Bears paw Reservoir) and a new park pavilion and pergola space.

Currently the only access to the park is through the County along Woodland Road which is a gravel road. There is no access to the park through the City of Calgary. Future access via an east/west connector is contemplated in the approved Ascension conceptual scheme however at this time Woodland Road remains the only access point.

The County has been working with the city of Calgary and representation from area landowners toward a solution for Woodland Road that would improve its level of service and mitigate the impacts from increased traffic on both the County's annual operations as well as adjacent landowners.

The City of Calgary has committed to cover the estimated construction costs of \$4,400,000. The outstanding costs that remain unfunded primarily relate to the land acquisition required. The estimated balance of funds required is \$300,000 which would be considered the County's contribution for the project and is recommended to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve. Additionally, the County is being requested to execute the project on behalf of the partners.

Administration Resources

Angela Yurkowski, Capital Project Management



The upgrade encompasses paving approximately 3.3km of the existing Woodland Road from Highway 1A south to the existing park access gate. The existing grades of the road are planned to remain as-is, with the scope of the upgrade focused on improvement of the surface from gravel to pavement. There is a portion of approximately 800m that would remain gravel, as at this time there is no identified funding source for that portion of roadway. The County would enter into a maintenance agreement with the City of Calgary for the maintenance of that portion of road.

If approved, the County will enter into a funding agreement with the City of Calgary for execution of the project.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

\$4,400,000 of funding be received from the City of Calgary.

\$300,000 of funding be provided from the County’s Tax Stabilization Reserve.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

Council’s support of this budget adjustment would align with the County’s Strategic Themes of Service Excellence, Responsible Growth as well as Embracing Partnerships.

OPTIONS:

Option #1: THAT the Budget Adjustment for the upgrade of Woodland Road be approved in accordance with Attachment ‘B’.

Option #2: THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

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Executive Director

Chief Administrative Officer

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ATTACHMENTS:

- ATTACHMENT ‘A’: Project Location
- ATTACHMENT ‘B’: Budget Adjustment Form
- ATTACHMENT ‘C’: Funding Commitment Letter