



**Subject: Dain City Trail Improvements Funding Agreement**

**To: Council**

**From: Chief Administrative Office**

Report Number: 2021-235

Meeting Date: September 13, 2021

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**Recommendation:**

That Chief Administrative Office report 2021-235 be received; and

That Council reaffirms the City's funding commitment to the Dain City Multi-use Trail Improvement Project; and

That Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Transfer Payment Agreement with the provincial government.

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to inform Council that the City was successful with an application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) COVID Stream: Local Government Intake regarding funding for Dain City Multi-use Trail Improvements.

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**Background:**

The ICIP program is a cost-shared infrastructure funding program between the federal government, provinces and territories, and recipients. In December 2020, City staff submitted an application to ICIP COVID Stream: Local Government Intake seeking funding for Dain City Multi-use Trail Improvements. This application was a follow up to report 2020-125, dated September 17, 2020, regarding 2021 Capital and Related Projects Budget. It is also supported by report 2021-196, dated July 12, 2021, regarding 2021-2022 Multi-Use Trail Repairs.

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## **Discussion:**

The multi-use trail runs from Lakeview Park along the promenade to Dain City. The asphalt trail has reached the end of its life cycle and is due for replacement. The continued deterioration of the trail caused by shoreline erosion resulted in the need to close the trail due to safety concerns. Asphalt will be replaced from the former Robin Hood Mill to the limits of Dain City.

The trail is part of the existing multi-use trail network throughout the City and provides a connection to parklands. Paved multi-use trails contribute to the network of accessible, user-friendly connections to focal points within a community. This trail is very popular for local residents, Niagara region residents and visitors.

Engineering and Public Works staff have fulfilled the requirements of the federal-provincial funding by completing the following: Public Notice of Intent posted on Canadian Impact Registry; Consultation with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation; Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures Form; and receiving approval of work from The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation.

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## **Internal Consultations:**

City staff from Economic Development and Tourism, Engineering and Public Works, and Parks and Recreation, have been involved with this application and this project.

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## **Financial Implications:**

The total project budget is \$335,000. The Transfer Payment Agreement is authorized to an upset limit of \$213,000 from the federal and provincial governments, with 80/20 percent funding contributions respectively.

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## **Public Engagement:**

Not applicable. This is a repair, replacement, and maintenance project. However, there will be public notification and signage provided prior to construction on the various trail locations. This will provide awareness of trail closure during construction.

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## **Strategic Plan Alignment:**

The initiative contained within this report supports the following pillar(s) of the strategic plan:

- Attracting Business Investment and Tourists to Port Colborne

- City-Wide Investments in Infrastructure and Recreational/Cultural Spaces
  - Value: Financial Management to Achieve Financial Sustainability
  - Governance: Communications, Engagement, and Decision-Making
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## **Conclusion:**

The City was successful in securing funding for Dain City Multi-use Trail Improvements from the ICIP COVID Stream – Local Government Intake. One of the conditions of receiving federal-provincial funding is that the municipality has to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement. This agreement is attached to a by-law within the by-law section of the Council agenda. Engineering and Public Works staff will be managing and overseeing project completion, scheduled for the fall of 2021.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## **Report Approval:**

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.