



Staff Report

Corporate & Financial Services – Finance

Report To: Council Meeting
Meeting Date: February 18, 2025
Report Number: CFS.25.009 REVISED
Title: Active Transportation Fund – Capital Project Grant
Prepared by: Monica Quinlan, Director of Corporate & Financial Services

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CFS.25.009 REVISED, entitled “Active Transportation Fund – Capital Project Grant”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to apply for the Pedestrian Bridges Capital Works project for this funding opportunity.

B. Overview

This report is seeking authorization from Council to submit an application to Canada’s Active Transportation Fund. The grant application is due by February 25, 2025, therefore this report is coming directly to Council as it is time sensitive.

C. Background

With the successful launch of the Active Transportation Fund in 2021, the Government of Canada invested \$400 million over five years to support the expansion and enhancement of active transportation infrastructure, making travel by active transportation easier, safer, more convenient and more enjoyable. Capital projects are funded through contributions up to \$50 million per project, with a maximum contribution rate between 60-100% depending on recipient and project location.

D. Analysis

Staff has identified the Pedestrian Bridges Capital Works as a suitable project for this funding opportunity. Engineering for the works has already started along with the Bridges, Culverts and Guiderail Capital Works project. As the engineering is completed in December 2025, The Town will be ready to proceed with the capital repairs of bridges, culverts, guiderails and pedestrian bridges.

The Pedestrian Bridges Capital Works project meets the grant eligibility requirements of building, enhancing or replacing infrastructure for active transportation such as footbridges.

The engineering and construction costs for the project qualify under eligible expenditures outlined by the grant program.

The Town was previously awarded grant funding for repairs to the Harbour Pedestrian Bridge in 2021, however, due to limitations of staff resources through the pandemic the project was not completed and the funds were ultimately not received.

E. Strategic Priorities

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

Work will be conducted in and around Beaver River.

G. Financial Impacts

The total capital project cost will be \$2,346,250. The Town is eligible for 60% of project costs.

H. In Consultation With

Pruthvi Desai, Manager of Capital Projects
Brenna Agnew, Accounting Analyst

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Monica Quinlan, Director of Corporate & Financial Services directorcfs@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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