



## **Committee of the Whole Report**

### **For the Meeting of August 3, 2017**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** July 20, 2017  
**From:** Fraser Work, Director, Engineering and Public Works Department  
**Subject:** Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program - Authorization for Grant Application Submission: All Ages and Abilities Bicycle Network Implementation

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council authorize:

1. The Director of Engineering and Public Works to submit a \$1,000,000 grant application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) under the *Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program* (MCIP), for contributions towards the implementation of the All Ages and Abilities (AAA) Bicycle Network.
2. The Mayor and the City Clerk to execute a grant agreement under the Municipalities for Climate Innovation funding program, if successful.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities, *Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program* helps municipalities prepare for and adapt to climate change, and to reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses. The list of eligible projects includes active transportation infrastructure work. Grants can fund up to 80% of project administration, consultation, design, capital construction and evaluation. City staff have confirmed the eligibility of the AAA Bicycle Network for this funding stream. Applications are considered on a first-come, first serve-basis and the review period, which includes a peer-evaluation component, takes up to four months.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council authorization for staff to prepare and submit a grant application towards administrative, planning, engagement, design and/or construction costs associated with the implementation of the AAA Bicycle Network. If successful, the City would enter into agreement with FCM.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The *Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program* (MCIP) is a five-year, \$75 million program that helps municipalities prepare for, and adapt to, climate change and to reduce emissions of greenhouse gasses.

Delivered by FCM and funded through the Government of Canada, MCIP is available to all Canadian Municipalities and their partners. MCIP aims to maximize the impacts of new federal investments in new infrastructure.

In addition to funding plans and studies, the "Climate Mitigation Capital Project Grants" stream offers contributions towards transportation infrastructure projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from an existing transportation network. Active transportation infrastructure which promotes and encourages mode shift, reduces fuel use, and improves safety are included in the list of eligible projects. FCM will provide up to 80% of eligible costs towards actual costs of a project. Eligible cost categories include administration, consultation, design, capital construction and evaluation.

As a part of the program requirements, City staff have met with the designated FCM representative to review and confirm the eligibility of the AAA Bicycle Network for the funding stream. Proposals are selected using a priority ranking system to determine which applications best meet the program's goals.

Funding for projects is awarded based on the following criteria / evaluation categories:

- Potential to reduce GHG Emissions
- Measurement and evaluation systems
- Alignment with municipal priorities and local context
- Project management approach

The City of Victoria's AAA bicycle network seeks to encourage active transportation for commuting, recreation and other tourism-based uses. This infrastructure supports reductions in fuel use and associated emissions. There is also an ability for the City to integrate other low-carbon transportation infrastructure enhancements such as transit shelter improvements, integration of electric vehicle charging stations and pedestrian / accessibility enhancements into the scope of the application. Staff are preparing the request for the maximum amount of \$1,000,000; however, the review process allows FCM to potentially award larger grants.

Applications are considered on a first-come, first serve-basis and the review period, which includes a peer-evaluation component, takes up to four months. The program will accept applications until January 31, 2020 and there is no limit to the number of applications that the City can submit to the various streams.

## CONCLUSION

If authorized by Council, staff will prepare and submit an application to the *Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program* for costs towards implementation of the All Ages and Abilities (AAA) Bicycle Network.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*July 27, 2017*