



Special Council Meeting

AGENDA

Wednesday, July 25, 2018 – Council Chambers, City Hall

Call to Order: 10:30 AM

1. IN CAMERA

- I.1. Motion to In Camera - Legal Matter FOIP 23(1)(c)
- I.2. Motion to Revert to Open

2. REPORTS

- 2.1. Expression of Interest for Canada Infrastructure Grant

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3. ADJOURNMENT



July 23, 2018

Investing in Canada – expression of interest submission

Corporate Services Division and Financial Services Department

Report Summary & Recommendation:

Based on a review of the Investing in Canada infrastructure grant program criteria and our current capital plan, Administration is recommending that The City of Red Deer submit an expression of interest for the projects listed in the report below. If these project pass this first evaluation phase, a full application for each project would need to be submitted.

All budget estimates for these projects are based on the current capital plan that was approved by Council. If The City receives approval to submit a project proposal budgets may need to be revised.

City Manager Comments:

I support the recommendation of Administration.

Craig Curtis
City Manager

Proposed Resolution

Resolved that Council of The City of Red Deer having considered the report from Corporate Services Division and the Financial Services department, dated July 23, 2018 re: Investing in Canada – expression of interest submission hereby agrees to submit an expression of interest for the following project:

- GH Dawe Community Centre Expansion (Project Budget: \$35,000,000 (in 2016 dollars))

Resolved that Council of The City of Red Deer having considered the report from Corporate Services Division and the Financial Services department, dated July 23, 2018 re: Investing in Canada – expression of interest submission hereby agrees to submit an expression of interest for the following project:

- CPR Bridge and Trails (Project Budget: \$9,127,000)

Resolved that Council of The City of Red Deer having considered the report from Corporate Services Division and the Financial Services department, dated July 23, 2018 re: Investing in Canada – expression of interest submission hereby agrees to submit an expression of interest for the following project:



- College Park Servicing (Project Budget: \$5,420,000)

Resolved that Council of The City of Red Deer having considered the report from Corporate Services Division and the Financial Services department, dated July 23, 2018 re: Investing in Canada – expression of interest submission hereby agrees to submit an expression of interest for the following project:

- Wetlands (N of IIA) Restoration and Enhancement (Project Budget: \$11,900,000)

Report Details

Background:

In budget 2016, The Government of Canada announced its *Investing in Canada* infrastructure program. On April 23, 2018 the federal and provincial governments signed the bilateral agreement provided the details how the Investing in Canada infrastructure program will be awarded and allocated in Alberta. Through the federal government's Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan, Alberta will receive \$3.39 billion over the next 10 years (2018-2028).

The funding flows in four streams as follows:

Public Transit (Alberta Transportation)*

Eligible municipalities can apply for funding to improve and expand existing public transit systems.

Eligible projects include:

- new buses, light rail transit
- active transportation infrastructure (e.g. bike and walking paths)
- improved access to transit and transit stations (e.g. low floor buses, barrier free stations)

**Red Deer will receive up to \$38,626,813 under this program based on ridership. Application and program details are still being developed.*

Green Infrastructure (Alberta Infrastructure)

Eligible organizations can apply for funding for projects that protect the environment and support Canada's transition to a clean economy.

Eligible projects include:

Investments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- community and recreation centres incorporating green improvements, solar panels, wind turbines, geothermal and biofuels



- public transit projects which contribute to reduced GHG emissions are eligible under certain conditions

Investments to help organizations adapt and withstand climate change impacts, natural disasters and extreme weather events.

- dams or dykes
- rehabilitated or artificial wetlands
- green roofs

Investments resulting in increased capacity to treat and manage water and wastewater, or to reduce or remediate soil or air pollution.

- water and wastewater treatment plants
- replacement of diesel storage tanks
- reduction of the environmental impact of landfills

Recreational cultural and community infrastructure (Alberta Infrastructure)

Eligible organizations can apply for funding to support projects that build stronger communities and improve social inclusion.

Eligible projects include:

- new, expanded or renewed community centres and hubs, amateur sport, cultural and recreational installations and facilities.
- community, culture and recreation projects must be community-oriented, non-commercial in nature and open for use to the public and not limited to a private-membership.

Rural and Northern Communities (Alberta Infrastructure)**

Eligible organizations can apply for funding to support projects that improve infrastructure in small, rural and remote communities.

Eligible projects must meet at least one of the following outcomes:

- improved food security
- improved and/or more reliable road, air and/or marine infrastructure
- improved broadband connectivity
- more efficient and/or reliable energy
- improved education and/or health facilities (specific to Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action)
- one of the project outcomes in the other three streams

***With a population of over 100,000 in the last federal census, Red Deer is ineligible to apply.*



Discussion & Analysis:

Under the *Investing in Canada* program the Government of Canada will provide up to 40% of eligible expenditures, the Government of Alberta will provide a minimum of 33.33% of eligible expenditures with the municipality contributing the remaining funds. Projects must be completed by October 31, 2027

The Government of Canada has two additional requirements that must be followed depending on the dollar value of the project:

a. Community employment benefits

All projects with total eligible costs over \$25 million will be required to report on community employment benefits generated by the project.

b. Climate assessments

All projects with total eligible costs over \$10 million and select Green Infrastructure projects will require climate assessments as part of the project submission process. This includes a Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Assessment and the Climate Change Resilience Assessment.

To apply:

To apply for the recreational cultural and community infrastructure stream and the Green Infrastructure stream, eligible organizations must submit an expression of interest by August 1, 2018. Applications will be prioritized by the Government of Alberta and then sent for consideration to the Government of Canada. Projects will be assessed based on:

- Alignment with Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program outcomes
- Anticipated social, economic and environmental benefits
- Impact on community and stakeholder identified needs
- Project readiness, including the amount of funding secured and the level of planning that has occurred
- The applicant's capacity to manage the project
- Alignment with the Government of Alberta priorities

Recommendation:

Based on a review of the program criteria and our current capital plan, Administration is recommending that The City of Red Deer submit an expression of interest for the projects listed in the table below. If these projects pass this first phase, a full application for each project would need to be submitted.

All budget estimates in the table below are based on the current capital plan that was approved by Council. If we receive approval to submit a project proposal budgets may need to be revised.



PROJECTS	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT BUDGET
Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream		
GH DAWE COMMUNITY CENTRE EXPANSION	Modernization of existing ice surface; additional ice area with 2nd floor seating; additional change rooms; access road and parking lot to the south of 67 st; new building access and circulation area; flexible programming space on 2nd floor; addition of spray park on NW side	\$35,000,000 (in 2016 dollars)
CPR BRIDGE AND TRAILS	Repair of concrete piers and abutments; replacement of bridge bearing, truss bracing, worn timber piles; Repair concrete piers and abutments, repairs to girders, repair of deck, upgrade handrails and lighting; upgrade pedestrian railing to cyclist standards; upgrade lighting and electrical; upgrade bridge deck	\$9,127,000
Green Infrastructure Stream		
COLLEGE PARK SERVICING	This project includes design and construction of sanitary, storm and water systems for the community. Road structure replacement will also be a part of this project for portions of the road. The community will have input into the degree to which these improvements should be done. Currently there are 3 design options, with the most extensive being an upgrade to a local roadway standard with underground storm, sanitary, and water	\$5,420,000
WETLANDS (N of 11A) RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT	Utilizing a new framework of compensation for disturbance of natural areas, the design and construction of environmental ecosystems in support of required drainage facilities north of highway 11A between Hazlett Lake and Red Deer river to the east.	\$11,900,000



Council Decision – July 25, 2018

DATE: July 25, 2018
TO: Lisa Perkins, Director of Corporate Services
FROM: Frieda McDougall, Legislative Services Manager
SUBJECT: Expression of Interest for Canada Infrastructure Grant

Resolution:

At the Monday, July 25, 2018 Special Council Meeting, Council passed the following Resolution:

Resolved that Council of The City of Red Deer having considered the report from Corporate Services Division and the Financial Services department, dated July 23, 2018 re: Investing in Canada – expression of interest submission hereby agrees to submit an expression of interest for the following projects:

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Report back to Council:

No.

Comments/Further Action:

Administration will submit the expression of interest.

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For
Frieda McDougall
Manager

- c. Director of Development Services
Director of Community Services
Acting Director of Community Services
Grants Specialist
Budget Team
Corporate Lead – Procurement & Risk Management

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Council Decision – July 25, 2018

DATE: July 26, 2018
TO: Samantha Rodwell, Deputy City Clerk
FROM: Frieda McDougall, Legislative Services Manager
SUBJECT: In Camera Item 1.1

Reference Report:

Resolution:

At the Monday, July 25, 2018 Special Council Meeting, Council passed the following Resolution:

Resolved that Council of The City of Red Deer having considered In Camera Item 1.1 hereby endorses the recommendation as submitted to the In Camera meeting on July 25, 2018 and agrees that the contents of the report will remain confidential as protected by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Section 23(1)(a).

Report back to Council:

No.

Comments/Further Action:

None.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rodwell'.

For Frieda McDougall
Manager

c. Intergovernmental Strategist