

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Administration

**Date:** January 20, 2025

**Subject:** Infrastructure Planning Grant Application – Sidewalk and Trails Assessment

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council supports the application to the Provincial Government for the Infrastructure Planning Grant for up to \$15,000 towards sidewalk and trail condition assessments and data collection;

AND THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the grant application and any related documentation.

**BACKGROUND:**

This report seeks the support of the Council in pursuing an Asset Management Infrastructure Grant for our community. The grant will provide crucial funding for enhancing and maintaining our vital infrastructure assets, ensuring their long-term sustainability and efficient management.

The Asset Management Infrastructure Grant, offered by the Provincial Government, is a competitive funding program aimed at supporting local municipalities in planning for the upgrading and maintaining of their infrastructure assets. The grant provides financial assistance for the implementation of asset management plans and projects.

In past years, the District completed facility condition assessments on the Mackenzie Recreation Centre (2023), Municipal Office (2023) and Public Works buildings (2024). Currently staff are integrating the results into its asset management program.

Staff are proposing to conduct condition assessments on the District's pedestrian infrastructure. To receive the full grant amount of \$10,000 the project must be \$15,000 with a grant funding scheme of 100% for the first \$5,000 and 50% for the next \$10,000. The condition assessments would be completed in 2025. This project supports the community's active transportation plan as well as the community's official community plan. It also adds to the progression of the District's asset management strategy.



The primary assessment would cost \$8,732, this would include the sidewalks and pathways in Mackenzie, the Azan Tunneh, Morfee Lakeshore, Little Mac, and John Dahl Trails. 15 Secondary parks would cost an additional \$19,740 however not all parks need to be completed, they can be ranked in priority to fit the needs of the budget.

### **Importance of the Assessments:**

Long-Term Cost Savings: By proactively managing our assets, we can prevent costly emergency repairs and extend the lifespan of our infrastructure. This approach will lead to significant long-term cost savings for the community.

Compliance with Regulations: The grant will assist us in meeting regulatory requirements for asset management, ensuring that our community remains in compliance with provincial guidelines and standards.

Funding: This project can be fully supported through the addition of Local Government Climate Action Plan (LGCAP) funding. Up-to-date condition assessments will not only strengthen future grant applications for capital projects but also provide valuable data for more effective financial planning.

### **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

\$5,000 would be allocated from the 2025 Climate Action Budget.

### **COUNCIL PRIORITIES:**

#### **Community and Social Development**

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

### **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Luke Thorne, Land and Environmental Coordinator