

Intermunicipal Planning Framework with the City of St. Albert

Grant Application Funding

Recommendation

That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:

That the City of Edmonton participate jointly, with the City of St. Albert, in the Alberta Community Partnership grant application, as outlined in the February 19, 2021, Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development report UFCSD00279.

Executive Summary

This report recommends a Council resolution that is a required component of the Alberta Community Partnership Intermunicipal Collaboration grant application. This grant will provide funding for a consultant for the City of Edmonton/City of St. Albert Intermunicipal Planning Framework project.

The anticipated scope of the Intermunicipal Planning Framework is expected to consider how to implement the long-term transportation network, including connections from the Big Lake neighbourhoods to Ray Gibbon Drive. The February 19, 2021, Integrated Infrastructure Services report CR_8133, Ray Gibbon Drive (A. Knack), explores the current-state and short-term transportation network connections between the Big Lake neighbourhoods and Ray Gibbon Drive.

Report

City of Edmonton/City of St. Albert Intermunicipal Planning Framework

As part of the ongoing intermunicipal collaboration and cooperation between the City of Edmonton and the City of St. Albert, the two Cities are engaging in a new initiative to develop an Intermunicipal Planning Framework. This Framework will explore the integration of planning and infrastructure service delivery, and potentially other topics of mutual interest. Specifically, the Intermunicipal Planning Framework will:

- formalize a shared, high-level land use concept;
- develop a high-level transportation, and hard and soft servicing concept;
- introduce a communication, information-sharing and conflict-resolution protocol;

- analyze and report on the feasibility and desirability of joint governance of shared-interest infrastructure assets; and
- analyze and report on the feasibility of intermunicipal bylaw governance and enforcement within the shared planning area.

Alberta Community Partnership Program - Intermunicipal Collaboration

The Alberta Community Partnership grant program provides funding to two or more municipalities who are working collaboratively to improve the viability and long-term sustainability of those municipalities. Projects that support regional preparedness, planning, response, risk mitigation strategies and plans, other land use plans and regional service delivery frameworks are eligible for grants under the Intermunicipal Collaboration component of the Alberta Community Partnership grant.

The City of Edmonton and the City of St. Albert are jointly applying for \$200,000 in grant funding through the Alberta Community Partnership program so consultant(s) can be hired to assist with accomplishing the scope of the Intermunicipal Planning Framework project in a timely manner. Without this grant, the partners will need to reassess the project's scope and timeline based on what could be accomplished using existing staff resources.

The City of St. Albert Administration is taking the lead in submitting the grant application to Alberta Municipal Affairs, managing the grant funds and hiring the consultant(s). The City of Edmonton Administration will support the City of St. Albert throughout the process.

A complete Alberta Community Partnership grant application includes confirmation that each municipality's Council has directed its Administration to proceed with the application.

Public Engagement

Public engagement was not undertaken for this grant application request because citizen input would not have influenced the decision.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s): Edmonton Region is a catalyst for industry and business growth.			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
Cooperation in the Edmonton Region is expanded and formalized	Number of formalized relationships with Edmonton's neighbouring eight	7 Agreements (2018-2020)	10 Agreements between 2018 - 2023

	municipalities and other regional partners		
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Risk Assessment

Risk Element	Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Score (with current mitigations)	Current Mitigations	Potential Future Mitigations
Grant application is not successful	Reduces the ability of the two Cities to participate fully in collaborative discussions	3	2	6 - low	Utilize current staffing resources; reassess the project's scope.	Potential for other funding programs; greater resource commitments

Others Reviewing this Report

- M. Persson, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. Owen, Deputy City Manager, Communications and Engagement
- A. Laughlin, Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- B. Andriachuk, City Solicitor