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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **November 14, 2024**

FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture** FILE: **0550-20**
General Manager, Engineering

SUBJECT: **2025 Community Works Fund Program Stream Update**

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department and Engineering Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Approve the allocation of the 2025 Community Works Fund Agreement funding for the proposed projects.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to obtain a Council resolution to approve the allocation of the 2025 Community Works Fund for the proposed projects outlined in this report.

BACKGROUND

The Administrative Agreement on the Canada Community-Building Fund (“CCBF”) in British Columbia (Agreement) took effect on April 1, 2024. The tripartite Agreement between Canada, British Columbia, and the UBCM replaces the 2014-2024 Agreement and provides the administrative framework for the delivery of the CCBF (formerly the federal Gas Tax fund) to local governments and other recipients in British Columbia from 2024 to 2034.

The CCBF is delivered through three program streams: Community Works Fund (“CWF”) for all municipalities across the Province of British Columbia, Strategic Priorities Fund for municipalities outside of Metro Vancouver, and Greater Vancouver Regional Fund which is allocated to TransLink. The recently renewed CCBF Agreement provides a ten-year commitment of federal funding for investments in local government infrastructure and capacity building projects through March 31, 2034.

CWF allocations are determined using a formula that combines a minimum funding floor and a per capita amount for each local government in BC. Allocations vary depending on the location of a local government.

The City will receive an average of \$1.93 million per year in funding from this program over the next five years. Under the CWF, in 2024 the Federal and Provincial Governments expanded the range for which municipalities can allocate CWF funding towards. Table 1 below summarizes the eligible categories:

Table 1: Eligible Investment Categories

Productivity and Economic Growth	
Local Roads and Bridges Active Transportation Regional and Local Airports Broadband Connectivity	Public Transit Short-sea Shipping Short-line Rail
Clean Environment	
Drinking Water Wastewater Solid Waste	Community Energy System Brownfield Redevelopment
Strong Cities and Communities	
Sport Infrastructure Recreation Infrastructure Cultural Infrastructure	Fire Halls & Fire Trucks Tourism Infrastructure Resilience
Capacity Building	
Asset Management Long-term Infrastructure Planning Integrated Community Sustainability Planning Housing Needs Reports	

DISCUSSION

Given the broad range of eligibility for CWF projects and to guide how the CWF should be allocated for City projects, project selection criteria was previously approved by Council in 2015. Over the past decade, the City’s Engineering and Parks, Recreation & Culture Departments were each allocated 50% of the funding. In 2025, the two departments are collaborating on joint projects that meet the prior criteria and benefit both departments, specifically completing local road, sidewalk, and boulevard fronting municipal parks.

Three such projects have been identified for 2025 funding, to support the development of healthy and sustainable communities by enhancing resident access to municipal parks across the city and improving safety on these local roads. Moreover, these projects are challenged for funding as they are often required due to growth but are not eligible to be funded through either Transportation or Parks Development Cost Charges (“DCC’s”).

2025 Community Works Fund Projects

Staff are recommending the following three park-adjacent local road frontage projects be funded through the funds that will be allocated to the City through the 2025 Community Works Funding (project locations are identified on the map attached as Appendix “II”):

2025 Community Works Fund Project List

Project	Estimated Project Cost	Community Works Fund
1. Clayton Park Frontage ¹	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2. Kurtenacker Park Frontage	\$75,000	\$75,000
3. Salmonberry Park Frontage	\$826,005	\$826,005
Totals:	\$1,901,005	\$1,901,005

¹ Project scope for Clayton Park will also investigate improvements for the Dog Park frontage subject to available funding.

Given the updated criteria for the CCBF in British Columbia that took effect on April 1, 2024, allocation of the funds will be reviewed annually to determine City priorities for the funding allocation.

Finance Review

This report has been reviewed by Finance.

CONCLUSION

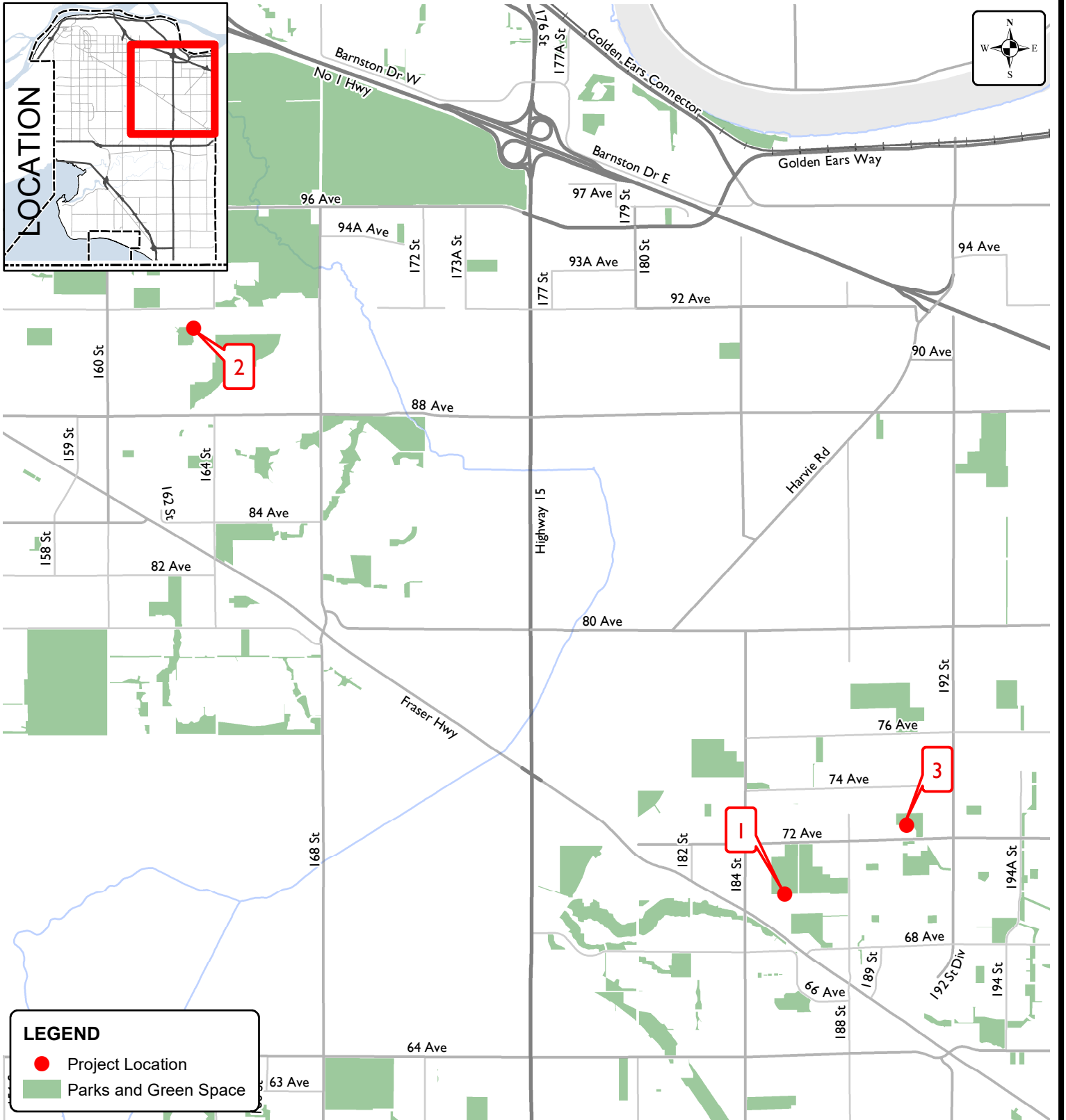
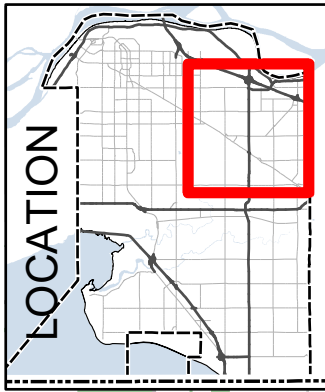
The City continues to make significant investment in sustainable transportation infrastructure to improve accessibility for all residents. In 2025, the allocation for the CCBF will focus on park frontages on local roads to provide new or improved pedestrian access and improve local road safety, and future funding opportunities will be revisited with Council each year.

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Appendix "I": 2025 Community Works Fund Project Locations

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LEGEND

- Project Location
- Parks and Green Space

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2025 Community Work Fund Agreement

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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