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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2020 October 21

**FROM:** MAJOR CIVIC BUILDING PROJECT **FILE:** 4230 12  
COORDINATION COMMITTEE *Reference: Hwy 1 Overpass*

**SUBJECT: BURNABY LAKE – HIGHWAY 1 PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS FUNDING  
AND GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST**

**PURPOSE:** To request funding and obtain a Council resolution for a grant application to the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Community, Culture and Recreation* to assist with the construction of the Burnaby Lake – Highway 1 Pedestrian Overpass Project.

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council authorize the use of Community Benefit Bonus Reserves in the amount of \$20,450,000 for the Burnaby Lake – Highway 1 Pedestrian Overpass project.
2. **THAT** Council authorize the grant application to the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Community, Culture and Recreation* to assist with the construction of the Burnaby Lake – Highway 1 Pedestrian Overpass Project.
3. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the Financial Management Committee for information purposes.
4. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for information purposes.

#### REPORT

##### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report is to seek funding for the Burnaby Lake – Highway 1 Pedestrian Overpass project in advance of the Council adoption of the 2021 – 2025 Provisional Financial Plan and obtain Council authorization for a grant application.

On 2020 June 25, the Federal and Provincial governments committed up to \$100.6 million towards the second intake of the Community, Culture, and Recreation Grant Program to support cost-sharing of infrastructure projects in communities across the Province. This intake is designed to target projects starting in 2021 or 2022.

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The *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Community, Culture and Recreation* funding stream aims to cost-share infrastructure investments between Federal and Provincial governments for projects that meet the following outcome:

*“Improved access to and/or increased quality of cultural, recreational and/or community infrastructure for Canadians, including indigenous peoples and vulnerable populations”.*

Funding is available up to 73.33% of the eligible project costs (40% Federal, 33.33% Provincial). Potential grant funding for this project can be up to approximately \$15M if approved.

A resolution or bylaw endorsing the project must be approved by Council and must be submitted within one month of the grant program closing date. The resolution will:

- commit the proponent to contribute its share of the eligible costs, ineligible costs and potential overruns related to the project;
- identify the source of the proponent’s share of the project costs; and
- show support for the project from a municipality’s Council.

## **2.0 POLICY SECTION**

The advancement of the proposed Burnaby Lake – Highway 1 Pedestrian Overpass Project align with the following goals and sub-goals of the Corporate Strategic Plan:

- **A Connected Community**
  - Geographic connection – Ensure that people can move easily through all areas of Burnaby, using any form of transportation
- **A Healthy Community**
  - Healthy life – Encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being
- **A Dynamic Community**
  - City facilities and infrastructure – Build and maintain infrastructure that meets the needs of our growing community

## **3.0 BURNABY LAKE – HIGHWAY 1 PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS**

The objective of the Burnaby Lake – Highway 1 Pedestrian Overpass project is to construct a pedestrian-cyclist overpass across Highway 1 to provide a safe north-south cycling and pedestrian link, supporting healthy living and providing alternatives to driving. The overpass will connect Burnaby Lake and Deer Lake areas, and integrate into the existing Urban Trail System of the City and the new Central Valley Greenway as part of the Regional Greenway Strategy 2050. The overpass will be across the section of Highway 1 (Trans-Canada Highway), within the Rayside Community Plan Area, and adjacent to the Burnaby Lake Regional Nature Park.

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In 2019, the City engaged McElhanney to undertake the first phase of work which included Multiple Account Evaluation analysis to select a bridge location, as well as undertake environmental, geotechnical, and archaeological analysis and complete a schematic design. Council approval of the schematic design and authorization to advance the preferred option to detailed design will be the subject of a future report.

The estimated project cost is \$20,450,000, and any approved government grant funding will be applied to offset project costs.

These expenditures will be included in the 2021 – 2025 Provisional Financial Plan and sufficient Community Benefit Bonus Reserves are available to finance the project.

#### 4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council authorize the use of Community Benefit Bonus Reserves in the amount of \$20,450,000 to finance the project outlined in this report.

It is also requested that Council authorize a grant application to the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Community, Culture and Recreation* to assist with the construction of the Burnaby Lake - Highway 1 Pedestrian Overpass Project.

Upon approval, a copy of this report will be sent to the Financial Management Committee and the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission for information purposes.

  
E.W. Kozak, Chair, Major Civic Building Project  
Coordination Committee

  
Leon Gous, Director Engineering

  
Dave Ellenwood  
Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

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Director Corporate Services  
Director Finance  
Purchasing Manager  
City Solicitor  
City Clerk