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FROM: General Manager of Finance, Risk and Supply Chain Management in consultation with the General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management

SUBJECT: Funding Application to Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (COVID-19 Resilience Stream) for the Carnegie Community Centre Restoration Project

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse a funding application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for \$2,767,165 for the Carnegie Community Centre Restoration project.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's approval in support of a funding application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (the "CVRIS Program") which will allow the entire Carnegie Community Centre Restoration project (the Project) to be completed in 2021. Without this funding, the project would have to be completed over two capital plans. Completing the project in one phase will be more cost efficient and less disruptive to the users of the Carnegie Community Centre and the surrounding neighbourhood.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

December 8, 2020: Council approved the 2021 Capital and Operating Budget, which included partial funding for the Capital Maintenance for Social Facilities.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

REPORT

Background/Context

In 2018, the province and the Federal government signed the Integrated Bilateral Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). ICIP cost-shares infrastructure investments between the governments of Canada and British Columbia, local governments and other partners.

Due to COVID-19, this agreement was amended to include the creation of a new COVID-19 resilience infrastructure stream (the “CVRIS Program”) to support pandemic response and economic recovery efforts. The CVRIS stream supports several project categories including projects that provide retrofits, repairs and upgrades to local government and indigenous government buildings, health infrastructure and educational infrastructure.

The Canadian and British Columbian governments have committed up to \$80.29 million towards the intake of the CVRIS Program to support cost-sharing of infrastructure projects in communities across the province. The CVRIS Program is designed to target projects starting before September 30, 2021 and completing by December 31, 2021.

The maximum grant available under the CVRIS Program is 100% of eligible project costs (80% and 20% from federal and provincial contributions, respectively). The application deadline was January 27, 2021. The application process requires a Council resolution in support of the application and the Project. Submission of the Council resolution can be after the deadline but before a final decision on the grant applications, which is expected in spring of 2021.

Strategic Analysis

The CVRIS Program allows a maximum of one application per municipality. City staff reviewed the eligibility criteria and selected the Carnegie Community Restoration project as the best candidate as it meets the outcome of “retrofits, repairs and upgrades to local government buildings”, is within the dollar range that the CVRIS Program is targeting and meets the criteria of substantial completion by Dec 31, 2021.

The Carnegie Community Centre Restoration project will restore the deteriorating exterior façade, rehabilitate windows, replace the front doors with heritage appropriate doors with an automated opener and replace a roof at the end of its useful life at the Carnegie Community Centre.

The proposed restoration project will result in a restored façade that will last 20 years before further restoration is required, a new roof segment that will last in excess of 20 years, restored entry and windows that will result in improved energy performance and mitigate moisture ingress.

Due to the location of the site in the downtown east side and the vulnerable population served by Carnegie Community Centre, access to the centre and surrounding sidewalks must be maintained during the restoration work.

Utilizing the funding to do all of the work in one phase will minimize the disruption caused by the work to those served by the Carnegie Community Centre. It will also be more cost efficient as the set up including scaffolding, shrink wrap, debris net and security hoarding, to ensure continued access to the building, will only have to be done once.

Financial

The estimated total cost of the project is \$2.9 million, of which \$2.8 million is considered eligible costs as defined by the CVRIS Program. The City is seeking up to \$2.8 million (100% of the total eligible project costs) in funding as follows:

Project Costs	
Eligible Costs	\$2.8 million
Other costs including COV overheads	\$0.1 million
Total Project Costs	\$2.9 million
Funding Sources	
CVRIS Program (100% of Eligible Costs)	\$2.8 million
City – funding from the Multi-Year Capital Project Budget for Capital Maintenance	\$0.1 million
Total Project Cost	\$2.9 million

Upon successful outcome of this application for funding, staff will bring forward the required funding adjustments as part of the regular Capital Budget adjustment process.

CONCLUSION

Council’s support is sought for the City’s application to the CVRIS Program for funding the Carnegie Community Centre Restoration project as described in this report. This funding will allow restoration work to be completed in one phase this year versus in two phases over multiple years.

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