

Regional Collaboration Grant Support Approval

Recommendation:

That Council supports The City of Fort Saskatchewan in the participation of a joint regional transportation study through the Regional Collaboration Grant Program.

Background:

As part of the ongoing efforts to advocate for enhanced transportation infrastructure in the region, The City of Fort Saskatchewan, in partnership with The City of Edmonton, Strathcona County, and Sturgeon County, have decided to take the lead role in the development of a transportation study to help identify future transportation infrastructure requirements. In addition to participating with our regional neighbours, Alberta Transportation will be asked to participate, as much of the infrastructure needed would be built and paid for by their department.

Topic Identification/Outcomes:

It is expected that the study will look at issues such as:

- Better transportation networks in and out of the Alberta Industrial Heartland
- Highway bypass networks around The City of Fort Saskatchewan
- A second bridge crossing over the North Saskatchewan River

Alternatives:

1. Council can support the City of Fort Saskatchewan's participation in the joint regional study.
2. Council can decide not to support participation in the study and allow the other municipal partners to undertake the study without use.
3. Other alternatives as suggested by Council.

Preferred Alternative:

Administration recommends that Council supports the City of Fort Saskatchewan in the participation of a joint regional transportation study through the Regional Collaboration Grant Program.

Staff Capacity:

Administration will assign 2 staff members to participate in the study based on relevant subject matter expertise.

Financial Implications:

It is expected that the study will be fully funded through the Municipal Collaboration Grant Program at no cost to the partnering municipalities other than staff resources required to attend meetings and potential nominal costs associated with travel, meetings, etc.

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