

2013 and 2016 Capital Budget Amendments – 2nd and 3rd Phase of River Valley Alliance Trail**Report Purpose**

To seek Council approval on amending the 2013 Capital Budget River Valley Alliance Phase 2 of 3 project to reduce the cost and release the funding commitment from a River Valley Alliance contribution to the 2016 Capital Budget for the River Valley Alliance Phase 3 of 3 project.

Recommendation

THAT the amendment to the 2013 Capital Budget River Valley Alliance Phase 2 of 3 project to reduce the cost in the amount of \$256,000 (from \$1,200,000 to \$944,000) and release the funding commitment from a River Valley Alliance contribution, and

THAT the amendment to the 2016 Capital Budget for the River Valley Alliance Phase 3 of 3 project to increase the cost in the amount of \$1,119,000 (from \$1,725,000 to \$2,844,000), to be funded from a River Valley Alliance contribution, be approved.

Council History

June 20, 2017 - Council approved the following motion: THAT an amendment to the 2016 Capital Budget, in the amount of \$525,000 (an increase from \$1,200,000 to \$1,725,000), to be funded from a TransCanada Trail Grant for phase three of the River Valley Alliance Trail project, be approved.

March 22, 2016 - Council approved the following motion: THAT the amendment to the 2013 Capital Budget for the River Valley Alliance Trail Phase 2 of 3 project to increase the cost due to a change in estimates by \$275,160 (from \$924,840 to \$1,200,000), to be funded from a River Valley Alliance contribution, be approved.

March 22, 2016 - Council approved the following motion: THAT the amendment to the 2016 Capital Budget to construct the River Valley Alliance Trail Phase 3 of 3 in the amount of \$1,200,000, to be funded \$400,000 from the Municipal Projects reserve (1.3773), \$600,000 from a TransCanada Trail contribution and \$200,000 from a River Valley Alliance contribution, be approved.

December 8, 2015 – Council approved the 2016 Capital Budget.

February 5, 2013 – Council approved an amendment to the 2013 Capital Budget to construct the River Valley Alliance Trail Phase 2 of 3.

December 11, 2012 – Council approved the 2013 Capital Budget.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: The River Valley Alliance Trail contributes towards effective and efficient municipal infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing community.

Governance: N/A

Social: Implementation of the River Valley Alliance Plan of Action promotes community connectedness, health and well-being.

Culture: N/A

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Environment: The River Valley Alliance Trail creates a more connected framework for active transportation modes within Strathcona County, as well as a greater connectivity between urban and rural areas as per the Integrated Transportation Master Plan.

Other Impacts

Policy: FIN-001-024: Financial Reserves; FIN-001-027: Tangible Capital Assets Financial Reporting Policy.

Legislative/Legal: N/A

Interdepartmental: Corporate Planning; Corporate Finance; Transportation Planning and Engineering; Recreation, Parks and Culture; and Transportation and Agricultural Services.

Summary

Strathcona County is currently working to complete the remaining 22 kilometre regional River Valley Alliance Trail that connects to the City of Edmonton and the City of Fort Saskatchewan. Once complete, these trails will allow residents to access the surrounding municipalities. These capital budget amendments will allow Strathcona County to finish construction for completion of the remaining trail.

The River Valley Alliance Board approved that the remaining \$256,000 from the 2013 River Valley Alliance Trail Phase Two project be transferred to the 2016 River Valley Alliance Trail Phase Three project. In addition, the River Valley Alliance Board approved additional funding of \$863,000 towards the 2016 River Valley Alliance Trail Phase Three project in order to complete the trail in 2018 for a total contribution of \$1,119,000.

The recommended decrease to the phase 2 of 3 project is due to lower than anticipated tender pricing and the recommended increase to the phase 3 of 3 projects is due to higher costs than originally estimated.

The following are estimated planned spending (cash flow) timelines for each project.

2013 River Valley Alliance Trail – Phase Two project:

Year	Prior Year	2018	Total Project
Expenditure by Year	\$910,000	\$34,000	\$944,000

2016 River Valley Alliance Trail – Phase Three project:

Year	Prior Year	2018	Total Project
Expenditure by Year	\$527,000	\$2,317,000	\$2,844,000

Enclosure

- 1 Trans Canada and River Valley Alliance regional trail map