

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

To amend the 2013 and 2016 Capital Budgets through three separate amendments including a cost increase for the 2013 River Valley Alliance Trail Phase 2 of 3, to construct the River Valley Alliance Trail Phase 3 of 3 in 2016, and to increase the scope of the 2016 Annual Parks Infrastructure Program to improve playgrounds.

Recommendation

1. 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.
2. 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 Trans Canada Trail contribution and \$200,000 from a River Valley Alliance contribution, be approved.
3. THAT the amendment to the 2016 Capital Budget to increase the scope of the Annual Parks Infrastructure Lifecycle Program to improve playgrounds in the amount of \$488,000 (from \$670,000 to \$1,158,000), to be funded from community group contributions, be approved.

Council History

December 11, 2012 – Council approved the 2013 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 8, 2015 – Council approved the 2016 Capital Budget.

February 23, 2016 – Council approved the additional recommended allocations of the 2015 municipal operating surplus (including \$400,000 to match external funding sources to construct trails as connectors for River Valley Alliance trails).

March 1, 2016 – Council approved the transfer of funds to reserve in accordance with the 2015 annual operating surplus for tax purposes allocation (including \$400,000 for River Valley Alliance trails to match external funding sources to complete connector trails).

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: Funding from the River Valley Alliance Trail and the Trans Canada Trail Network will allow for Strathcona County to complete their portion of continuous river valley park trail from Devon to Fort Saskatchewan in a very cost effective manner.

Governance: To contribute to strong fiscal management, Council allocated funding from the 2015 municipal operating surplus to provide matching funding to construct the connectors for the River Valley Alliance trail.

Social: Implementation of the River Valley Alliance Plan of Action and the Trans Canada Trail adheres to the Social Sustainability Framework by promoting community connectedness, health and well-being.

Culture: n/a

Environment: Creating 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

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: Financial Services; Capital Planning and Construction; Recreation, Parks and Culture

Summary

River Valley Alliance Trails

Strathcona County is currently working to complete the 22 km regional River Valley Alliance and Trans Canada Trail that connects to the City of Edmonton and the City of Fort Saskatchewan. Once complete, these trails will allow residents to access the North Saskatchewan River Valley and the surrounding municipalities.

The capital budget amendments will allow us to finalize contracts for matching funds from the Trans Canada Trail and the River Valley Alliance. Once funding is secured, Strathcona County can commence design and construction for completion before the July 1, 2017 150th centennial celebrations.

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

2013 River Valley Alliance Trail – Phase 2 of 3

Year	2016	2017	2018	Total
Expenditure by Year	\$275,160	\$0	\$0	\$275,160

2016 River Valley Alliance Trail – Phase 3 of 3

Year	2016	2017	2018	Total
Expenditure by Year	\$200,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,200,000

2016 Annual Parks Infrastructure Program

The Fultonvale School Advisory Council has been successful in raising \$300,000 to replace the Fultonvale School playground. The Westboro Parents Group has raised an additional \$140,000 to replace play structures at the Westboro School. The Holy Redeemer School Parents Association has raised \$48,000 to replace play equipment at the Holy Redeemer School. All groups were recipients of Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grants supplemented by fundraising efforts.

The following is an estimated planned spending (cash flow) timeline for the project amendment.

Year	2016	2017	2018	Total
Expenditure by Year	\$488,000	\$0	\$0	\$488,000