
City of Kelowna

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 6, 2001
FILE: 0430-20
TO: City Manager
FROM: City Clerk
SUBJECT: FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS - 2001

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council endorse the following revised order of priorities for projects submitted for consideration of Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Grant Applications for the year 2001:

1. Fitzpatrick (20A) Sewer Specified Area
2. McCurdy (21B) Sewer Specified Area
3. Abbott Street Revitalization;

AND THAT any community project grant applications that the City agrees to partner with be prioritized annually on a first-come basis beneath all City initiated projects.

BACKGROUND & COMMENTS:

The approval process for Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Grant Applications is different for applications submitted by local government versus applications submitted by community organizations. Applications from local government bodies are all automatically accepted, prioritized by a Federal/Provincial Grant Committee, and approved in priority order until the available money is used. Grant applications from community organizations must first go through a nomination process prior to being placed on a list of acceptable applications for that geographic area. That list is then prioritized by the Federal/Provincial Committee.

For community organizations, the difference between submitting an application on their own and submitting a joint application with their local government is which processing stream their application goes into. If their application is submitted individually, it is up to the organization to convince the nominating committee that the application should be considered. Once it is considered then its funding approval is still dependent on its ranking within the overall pool of money available for that area for non-government grants. If the organization's application is submitted jointly with its local government then it is automatically included in the local government processing stream. The joint application is then prioritized with all other local government grant applications competing for available money in that area. Staff have not been able to determine the amount of funding available in the Central Okanagan for either type of grant.

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The City has received a request from the Friends of Mission Creek Society for the City to become a joint applicant with them for a Canada/BC Infrastructure Grant of \$250,000. Staff are also aware of a number of other community project grant applications that are in process.

As the Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Grant Program will extend over a number of years, staff are recommending that Council first prioritize City initiated projects for application each year. Then, if Council chooses to partner with any community association project grant application, those type of applications be prioritized beneath City initiated projects in the order that they are approved by the City on an annual basis.

ADDITIONAL RELATED INFORMATION:

The original 2001 Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Grant Application prioritization approved by Council included an application for the Rutland Arena common ice plant upgrade as the fourth priority. Because the 2001 Grants have not yet been approved, the City has proceeded with the necessary plant improvements and this project is now ineligible.

The correspondence from the Friends of Mission Creek Society also includes a request for the City to provide \$100,000 in each of the years 2002 and 2003, plus an agreement to underwrite an additional \$485,000 for the project subject to the Friends of Mission Creek Society undertaking to raise the \$485,000 from community donations. Council has not yet formally approved the \$100,00 requested for the years 2002 and 2003. Because of the large volume of park related expenditures the City is considering in the immediate future, the Parks Manager suggests that Council may wish to review these requests as part of the 2002 budget review process.

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cc: Director of Finance & Corporate Services

cc: Director of Works & Utilities

cc: Acting Director of Parks & Leisure Services

cc: Deputy Director of Finance

cc: Parks Manager

cc: Friends of Mission Creek Society