

Agenda Item: 5.6

Request for Decision

Title Cost-share Agreement with Alberta Transportation for Paving of **Lamoureux Drive Connection to Highway 15 Proposed Motion** 1. That Council approve a cost-sharing contribution of \$350,000 to be funded from savings realized from projects identified in Attachment 1 toward the paving of the Lamoureux Drive connection to Highway 15 with the Government of Alberta (Alberta Transportation). 2. That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a contract associated with the construction outlined within the cost-share agreement not to exceed a maximum of \$700,000. Administrative Administration recommends that Council approve a cost sharing Recommendation contribution amounting to \$350,000, funded from savings realized from projects identified in Attachment 1 toward the paving of Lamoureux Drive connection to Highway 15 with the Government of Alberta (Alberta Transportation) **Previous Council /** None. Committee Direction Background Information Report Highway 15 Bridge Twinning project kicked off during the summer of 2019. This multi-year construction included the construction of a new Bridge crossing the North Saskatchewan River and twinning of Highway 15 into Fort Saskatchewan. Realignment, construction, and paving of a new south access ramp from Highway 15 to Lamoureux Drive was included in the scope of work. Design review comments provided to Alberta Transportation (AT) included the recommendation of asphalt surfacing for both south and north ramps connecting Highway 15 to Lamoureux Drive. Highway 15 is now twinned and access to Highway 15 is dependent on traffic traveling along Lamoureux Drive to access either east or westbound lanes of

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A combined 600 metres of Lamoureux Drive and the north access ramp were previously gravel surfaced and not included within the scope of work by Alberta Transportation for Highway 15 bridge twinning project.

- Paving of this additional 600 metres was discussed at a Partnering Session with Alberta Transportation on August 9, 2019.
- Alberta Transportation has agreed to fund 50% of the additional pavement and communicated this via email on June 2, 2022.
- River Valley Alliance (RVA) will also be executing a 200-metre realignment of Lamoureux Drive to accommodate the trail connection to the new underslung pedestrian bridge located beneath the newly constructed Highway 15 bridge.
- RVA is still completing requirements of signing a Development
 Agreement for the municipal improvements along Lamoureux Drive.
- Current traffic counts show annual average daily traffic (AADT) of 400 currently utilizing Highway 15 exit ramps. Traffic projections typically increase annually, and improvements are designed and constructed for 20 years.
- A cost-share agreement will need to be entered into between Alberta Transportation and Sturgeon County.
- Note: Future staging area considerations will be considered through the Capital Committee - Open Space Budget requests to accommodate trail connection to Lamoureux Drive from the new underslung pedestrian bridge located beneath the newly constructed Highway 15 bridge.

External Communication

None.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices

None.

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment

Planned Growth – Implementing this additional asphalt surfacing demonstrates Sturgeon County's commitment to fund improvements to existing assets that effect residents and minimize maintenance requirements.

Collaborative Governance – Fosters collaborative intergovernmental partnerships between Sturgeon County and Alberta Transportation.

Organizational

Approval of the cost-share agreement with Alberta Transportation would allow Sturgeon County to engage either active or future contractors to have the subgrade preparation, granular base and asphalt surfacing be included within tendered projects.

Financial

The scope of work is estimated to cost approximately \$700,000 (with \$350,000 being funded by each party of the cost-share agreement).

Funding availability to allocate to cost-share agreement is identified below:

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<u>Project</u>	Budget	Life to Date Spent	Available	Reallocation Request	Project Status
Lamoureux Drive Drainage	\$604,966.58	\$516,009.58	\$88,957.00	\$80,000.00	Complete
Terrault Estates Subdivision	\$989,561.42	\$781,539.47	\$208,021.95	\$100,000.00	Warranty/FAC
Starkey Road Rehabilitation	\$2,060,000.00	\$1,883,515.10	\$176,484.90	\$170,000.00	Complete
	\$3,654,528,00	\$3.181.064.15	\$473,463,85	\$350,000,00	

Alternatives Considered

Council could decide not to approve entering into the cost-share agreement with Alberta Transportation for paving of the Lamoureux Drive connection to Highway 15.

Implications of Alternatives

Strategic Alignment

None.

Organizational

Administration would close out Highway 15 Bridge Twinning and River Valley Alliance realignment of Lamoureux Drive as currently designed and tendered.

Financial

No costs would be incurred at this time. The opportunity to cost-share the required improvements with Alberta Transportation (\$350,000 contribution by Alberta Transportation) would be missed.

Follow up Action 1. Execute the Memorandum of Agreement for cost-share with Alberta Transportation (CAO Office, Q3 2022).

Attachment(s)

- 1. Attachment 1: Reallocation Request
- 2. Attachment 2: Location Map

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Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: Offering a rich tapestry of historical, cultural, and natural experiences, Sturgeon County is a municipality that honours its rural roots and cultivates desirable communities. Uniquely situated to provide world-class agricultural, energy, and business investment opportunities, the County prioritizes responsible stewardship and dreaming big.

Guiding Principles: Collaboration | Accountability | Flexibility | Excellence | Safety | Future Readiness | Affordability | Innovation

Community Outcome	Not consistent	Consistent	N/A
Planned Growth			
• Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation			×
Modern broadband and digital capabilities			\boxtimes
Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations		×	
Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning		×	
Thriving Communities			
 Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces & trail systems; healthy and resilient 			⊠
 Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride 			⊠
 Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life 			×
Environmental Stewardship			
 Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities 			⋈
 Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems 			⋈
 Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions 			\boxtimes
Collaborative Governance			
Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships			
Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities			\boxtimes
 Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale 			×
 Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes 		×	
Operational Excellence			
 Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership 		×	
 Quality cost-effective service delivery; robust procurement and operational practices and policies; asset management and performance measurement; careful debt and reserve stewardship; long-term financial planning and sustainability 		×	
Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges		×	
Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning			×

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