

Request for Decision

Title	Amendment to the 2022 Capital Budget for Township Road 542 (Valour Avenue) at Highway 28 Shared Use Pathway Connection
Proposed Motion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council amend the Township Road 542 (Valour Avenue) at Highway 28 shared use pathway connection budget from \$100,000 to \$200,000, with the project funded by \$100,000 from the 2022 approved budget, a third-party contribution of \$68,000 from National Defence, and \$32,000 from the Special Purpose Community Enhancement Reserve. 2. That Council authorize the Sturgeon County Running Trail Connection (Implementation) Contribution Agreement with the Minister of National Defence as provided in Attachment 2.
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends that Council approve the budget increase from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for the Township Road 542 (Valour Avenue) at Highway 28 shared use pathway connection and authorize a Contribution Agreement with the Minister of National Defence in the amount of \$68,000 for the construction of portions of the trail on Federal land. Upon project completion, Sturgeon County will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CFB Edmonton for the ongoing operations and maintenance of the pathway.
Previous Council / Committee Direction	<p><u>December 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting</u></p> <p>Motion 549/21: That Council approve the proposed 2022 Operating and Capital Budget as amended by motions passed on November 30, 2021.</p>
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sturgeon Valley Trail System Gap Analysis, 2021 identified a missing shared-use pathway connection on the north side of Township Road 542 (Valour Avenue) adjacent to the Highway 28 overpass bridge and provided a high-level cost estimate of \$100,000 to construct only the connection on the west side of the overpass. • Further site visits, assessments, geotechnical investigations, and preliminary design concluded that the length of the trail should be extended to complete the connection on both sides of the overpass, increasing the estimated total cost to \$200,000 (see Attachment 1).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A portion of the shared-use pathway route will be located on Federal land (CFB Edmonton) and the shared-use pathway will be of mutual benefit. • The Minister of National Defence, on behalf of CFB Edmonton through a Contribution Agreement, will fund \$68,000 towards the construction of the portions of the shared-use pathway on Federal land (see Attachment 2). • With the contribution from the Minister of National Defence, the actual budget increase will be \$32,000. • The shared use pathway would remain part of the Sturgeon County municipal infrastructure and a Memorandum of Understanding with CFB Edmonton would outline the operations and maintenance obligations. Annual operations and maintenance costs are anticipated to be minimal and will be included in future Infrastructure budgets. <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information related to the project construction such as roadside signs, social media, website, etc., may include information about funding sources as described in the Contribution Agreement. 								
Implication of Administrative Recommendation	<p>Operational Excellence – Ensure projects align with plans, policies, and studies. Scope changes should be addressed as information becomes available to achieve the best outcome for operations.</p> <p>Planned Growth – Municipal improvements should result in reliable and effective infrastructure.</p> <p>Thriving Communities – Committing the proposed resources to this project will support the development of integrated trail systems, cultivating safe, beautiful, and complete communities.</p> <p>Collaborative Governance – Endorsing this project scope change would reinforce Council’s commitment to collaborate partnerships for building shared use pathways that are of mutual benefit to both jurisdictions.</p> <p>Environmental Stewardship –This shared-use pathway connection will address a critical gap in the Active Transportation network contributing to sustainable mobility choices for residents.</p> <p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>The capital project costs are \$32,000 greater than the funding available and is broken down as follows:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Capital Project Costs</td><td>\$ 200,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>2023 Approved Funding</td><td>100,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>National Defence Contribution</td><td>68,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>In Year Funding Required</td><td><u>\$ 32,000</u></td></tr> </table>	Capital Project Costs	\$ 200,000	2023 Approved Funding	100,000	National Defence Contribution	68,000	In Year Funding Required	<u>\$ 32,000</u>
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Implications of Alternatives	<u>Financial</u> If the additional funding is not approved, only the portion of the shared-use pathway on the northside of Valour Avenue on the west side of the Highway 28 overpass will proceed in 2023.
Follow up Action	1. Obtain Mayor and CAO signatures on the Contribution Agreement (Legislative Services, February 2023).
Attachment(s)	1. Attachment 1: Shared-use Pathway Preliminary Design 2. Attachment 2: Draft Running Trail Contribution Agreement
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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			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern broadband and digital capabilities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thriving Communities			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces & trail systems; healthy and resilient 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Stewardship			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collaborative Governance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operational Excellence			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>