

## Request for Decision

<b>Title</b>	<b>Active Transportation Fund – Infrastructure and Communities Contribution Agreement – New Shared-Use Pathway and Pedestrian Bridge</b>
<b>Proposed Motion</b>	That Council authorize the execution of the Contribution Agreement between Sturgeon County and the Government of Canada under the Active Transportation Fund for a new shared-use pathway and pedestrian bridge as provided in Attachment 2.
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b>	Administration recommends that Council authorize the execution of the Contribution Agreement to a maximum of \$1,739,042 for the construction of a new shared-use pathway adjacent to Starkey Road and pedestrian bridge across the Sturgeon River.
<b>Previous Council / Committee Direction</b>	<u>December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 482/22: That Council approve the 2023-2025 Capital Budgets in the amounts of \$35,701,907 for 2023, \$42,114,975 for 2024, and \$38,639,232 for 2025 as referenced in Attachment 3: Capital Funding and Project Listing.
<b>Report</b>	<u>Background Information</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Sturgeon Valley Trail System Path Forward study completed in 2021 reviewed the active transportation system in the Sturgeon Valley to identify existing network gaps and determine a future network to promote both recreational use and use for daily activities.</li> <li>The study conducted a connectivity assessment which identified a Sturgeon River pedestrian bridge crossing and the Starkey Road trail segment as priority projects.</li> <li>The Open Space 2022-2024 capital budget included \$2.7 million for the development of these two projects.</li> <li>To offset the capital costs for these projects, Administration applied to a new Infrastructure Canada Active Transportation Fund in March 2022 for a contribution of up to 60 percent of the total project cost.</li> <li>On December 22, 2022, the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities notified Sturgeon County of the approval in principle for the application with the project to be completed by March 31, 2026, as provided in Attachment 1.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administration has reviewed the Federal Contribution Agreement, provided as Attachment 2, and is recommending that Council authorize the execution of the Agreement, which provides for a maximum contribution from the Government of Canada of \$1,739,042 for the construction of a new shared-use pathway adjacent to Starkey Road and pedestrian bridge across the Sturgeon River.</li> </ul> <p><u>External Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition to Sturgeon County's communication strategies, the County will follow <i>Schedule E – Communications Protocol</i> outlined in the Contribution Agreement in relation to communication activities related to the project with the public.</li> </ul>						
<b>Implication of Administrative Recommendation</b>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment</u></p> <p><b>Operational Excellence</b> –The County seeks alternative review generation by leveraging grant and other funding opportunities for capital investments and the delivery of services.</p> <p><b>Planned Growth</b> – Ensures that infrastructure gaps identified through studies and plans are addressed to promote both recreational use and use for daily activities.</p> <p><b>Thriving Communities</b> – Approving the contribution grant will support the development of integrated natural spaces and trail systems, cultivating safe, beautiful, and complete communities.</p> <p><b>Collaborative Governance</b> – Endorsing this agreement will reinforce Council's commitment to transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale.</p> <p><b>Environmental Stewardship</b> – Moving forward with addressing trail system gaps offers residents an active transportation alternative both for recreational use and daily activities.</p> <p><u>Organizational</u> None.</p> <p><u>Financial</u> The Contribution Agreement would offset the estimated total project costs as presented in the following table:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Est. Project Cost</td><td>\$2,898,403</td></tr> <tr> <td>ATF Fund Amount Requested</td><td>\$1,739,042</td></tr> <tr> <td>Sturgeon County Total</td><td>\$1,159,361</td></tr> </table>	Est. Project Cost	\$2,898,403	ATF Fund Amount Requested	\$1,739,042	Sturgeon County Total	\$1,159,361
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<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	None.						

<b>Implications of Alternatives</b>	None.
<b>Follow up Action</b>	1. Obtain Mayor and CAO signatures on the Contribution Agreement (Legislative Services, June 2023).
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	1. Attachment 1: Minister Approval Letter 2. Attachment 2: Contribution Agreement
<b>Report Reviewed by:</b>	Karolina Drabik, Open Space Lead, Community Services  Sabrina Duquette, Manager, Corporate Finance & Treasury  Chris Wells, Director, Community Services  Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner – CAO

## 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
<b>Planned Growth</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern broadband and digital capabilities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Thriving Communities</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces &amp; trail systems; healthy and resilient</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Environmental Stewardship</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Collaborative Governance</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Operational Excellence</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>