

## **SHOVEL READY PROJECTS**

### **Issue**

A list of shovel ready projects from the Town's 10-Year Capital Projects Plan, which meet the objectives of a provincial stimulus funding program, are provided to Council for endorsement.

### **Motion Proposed by Administration**

That the list of Shovel Ready Projects and associated information be endorsed in principle for submission to the Province of Alberta for future stimulus funding as recommended by the Emergency Advisory Committee.

### **Report, Analysis and Financial Implications**

The Town of Okotoks has endorsed a 10-year Capital Projects Plan that is comprised of various community wide projects. Recently senior government has requested a list of projects that are considered "shovel ready".

Administration has prepared a list of projects that are considered shovel ready and/or will be ready in 6 to 12 months. The following set of principles has been drafted to evaluate projects on their merit:

- projects that are budgeted and have already commenced;
- new projects that support economic and business recovery, and social fabric;
- new projects that support future economic development and social fabric;
- utilizes non-tax related funding sources (grants, off-site levies);
- improves or maintains a civic asset;
- projects that are fully ready to proceed or the pre-design is largely completed;
- projects that will leverage additional investments.

At the May 4, 2020 Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting the motion was approved to amend the list by adding:

- The Arts and Learning Campus - Phase 2 for the amount approved in the 10-year Capital Projects Plan; and
- Affordable Housing Projects for the amount approved in the current Capital Budget.

In addition to these principles, a matrix has been drafted to include senior government objectives and the Town's strategic objectives. This matrix will be utilized as a tool to evaluate projects based on these categories. Attached is a draft version of a matrix that includes projects that have been endorsed by Council.

In addition to the list of projects, the business case for each project will be enhanced to include provincial and federal objectives. Administration believes this approach may strengthen the Town's submission package in the event the process is application based.

To date the request from the Province has been vague with respect to information they may be seeking for the list of projects. Administration will endeavor to gain clarity on the eligibility requirements and/or specifics for the intent of the stimulus program.

The Emergency Advisory Committee reviewed this item at the May 4, 2020 Meeting and recommend endorsement of the list of Shovel Ready Projects and associated information by Council.

### **Strategic Plan Goals**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Manage Community Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide Strong Governance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provide Quality Community Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhance Organizational Excellence	<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster Economic Vitality
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Promote Environmental Excellence

### **Governing Policies/Bylaws/Legislation or Agreements**

n/a

### **Public Participation Strategy**

n/a

### **Alternatives for Consideration**

n/a

### **CAO Comments**

As the Province continues to develop options to advance recovery projects, it is important that Okotoks shares options it has to contribute to the recovery process. It is still Okotoks' position that using MSI/LGFF is the appropriate tool however with no assurance that this will be the tool from the Province, the Town will submit this project information as an indicator of potential contributions to stimulate the economy.

### **Attachment(s)**

#### **1. Shovel Ready Projects Matrix**

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