
MEMORANDUM

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**Subject: 2021 Bicycle Facilities Grant – Regional Bikeways Network
Facilities on Municipal Roadways**

Date: April 27, 2021

To: Transportation Steering Committee

From: Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services

Council approved \$200,000 for the 2021 Bicycle Facilities Grant Program, through Transportation's Planning Business Unit. This year's program was extremely well-received with six (6) applications submitted from seven (7) municipalities and funding requests totalling well over one (1) million dollars.

The recipients of this funding are:

Town of Pelham - \$30,000 - This funding is to be directed to the re-construction and urbanization of Pelham Street between Port Robinson Road and John Street. In addition to new driving lanes and concrete sidewalks, the project will feature new on-road dedicated bicycle lanes and a multi-use path in front of Glynn A. Green Public School.

Town of Lincoln - \$50,000 – This funding is to be directed to the construction of a multi-use path (MUP); connecting St. John Elementary School to the existing sidewalk network on the south side of RR81 (King Street) in Grimsby. The project is a joint effort between the Town of Grimsby and the Town of Lincoln, with sidewalks being constructed in both municipalities.

City of Welland - \$50,000 – This funding is to be used for the upgrade to the 1.6 km length of multi-use trail; directly adjacent to local road Clare Avenue. The stretch runs alongside Clare Avenue from Woodlawn to the Pelham/Welland boundary near Quaker Road and is the only pedestrian connection along this road section.

City of Niagara Falls - \$70,000 – This funding is to be directed to the Connects Millennium Trail to Niagara Parkway Recreation Trail; to construct a multi-use path (MUP) along Drummond Road and Morrison Street. This Active Transportation network

is proposed to connect at the north end of the existing Niagara Parkway Recreation Trail.

This grant program is in support of Niagara Region's initiative for increased active transportation via on-road bicycle facilities and MUPs; constructed as part of roadway rehabilitation or reconstruction projects. To help facilitate the Municipal segments of Niagara Region's Bikeways Network, this Grant will be provided as per *Policy 9.F.3 of the Regional Policy Plan*. *Niagara Region's Transportation Master Plan, 2017* provides details regarding which municipally owned and operated roadways are included within this program and the type of proposed bicycle facility that has been identified.

The expectation is that the Grant funding, once awarded, will be used for design and construction during the annual award year. However, Niagara Region recognizes that these are extraordinary times due to the pandemic, and that some of the awarded projects may not be able to proceed as anticipated for a variety of reasons. If this becomes the case, and the above-noted project is not able to proceed as intended, written notification shall be provided to the Region by October 1, 2021, to allow the Region the opportunity to redirect the funding towards other projects within this fiscal calendar year. Staff look forward to being kept apprised of project status and progress throughout the project.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Carolyn Ryall, Director