



## Report to Council

**To:** Mayor and Council File No: 5700-04  
**Date:** July 14, 2025  
**From:** Mark Dowhaniuk Manager, Infrastructure Management  
**Subject:** Early Budget Approval - 43rd Avenue Corridor Improvement Project

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**Purpose:** To request early budget approval for the 43rd Avenue Corridor Improvement Project (2026-01) that is ready to proceed to procurement.

### **Recommendation:**

THAT Council endorse early budget approval for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Corridor Improvement Project (2026-01) at a cost not to exceed \$4,630,000 to be funded \$3,024,000 from Community Works Funding, \$310,000 from Sanitary Sewer Reserves and \$1,296,000 from Roads Development Cost Charge Reserves in order to proceed with procurement;

AND FURTHER, that Council endorse the expenditure of \$900,000 of Community Works Funding and \$310,000 of Sanitary Sewer Reserves in 2025 from within the overall 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Corridor Improvement Project (2026-01) budget.

### **Background:**

- a. The 2025-2029 5 Year Rolling Infrastructure Plan included the 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Corridor Improvement Project to support the Active Living Center (ALC). Infrastructure renewal and improvements at Alexis Park Drive, 43rd Avenue and Old Kamloops Road were included as a project in 2026. This work has been planned and coordinated with the ALC.
- b. Administration is planning to have the improvements at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Alexis Park Drive, and Old Kamloops Road intersection, as well as a new multi-use path on 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from Alexis Park Drive to Highway 97, completed to coincide with the ALC opening in fall of 2026. The work on Alexis Park Drive from 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue would be planned for 2027, due to available funding. This change in scope will still provide the supporting transportation infrastructure required to support the opening of the ALC.
- c. In order to meet this timeline Administration is recommending that the City move forward with procurement immediately for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Corridor Improvement Project. This mitigates schedule risks by allowing the option for portions of the work to be completed in the late summer and fall of 2025.

- d. The 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Corridor Improvement Project has been incorporated into the Transportation Plan, and the planned update to the Development Cost Charges Bylaw (DCCs). The projected funding share between the City (70%) and development (30%) has been based on the projected population increase in the City over the 20-year life of the bylaw. The expected timing of the DCCs Bylaw update is year-end 2025, and would allow the City to add the Transportation Plan projects. Any changes to the cost allocations between the City and development for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Corridor Improvement Project could be updated through the 2026 Financial Plan process.
- e. The current roundabout geometry concept (Attachment 1), is based on recommendations from the project team transportation engineers, and is under review by the project team. The concept is also under review by ICBC transportation engineers through the Road Safety Audit process. The project team will continue to refine the geometry and will provide project updates to Council as the roundabout design progresses.
- f. Council's Strategic Plan Alignment:
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governance & Organizational Excellence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Livability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation, Parks & Natural Areas                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vibrancy   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Leadership                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable        |

### **Financial Implications:**

The proposed project sheet for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Corridor Improvement Project (2026-01) is included as Attachment 1, and would be included in the proposed 2026 Financial Plan document. Administration is recommending early budget approval of \$4,630,000 of 2026 Capital funding consisting of \$3,024,000 of Community Works Funding, \$310,000 Sanitary Sewer Reserves and \$1,296,000 of Roads Development Cost Charge Reserves in order to proceed with procurement. In order to facilitate a portion of the construction in 2025, Administration would recommend that Council endorse the expenditure of \$900,000 of Community Works Funding and \$310,000 of Sanitary Sewer Reserves in 2025, from within the overall 2026 project budget.

The current balances as of May 29, 2025 for Community Works Funding is \$911,041 and \$741,372 for Sanitary Sewer Reserves. The Community Works interest accrual for 2025, and the 2026 annual grant payment of \$2,090,500 will cover the remaining amount needed for the total project budget.

### **Alternatives & Implications:**

Council could choose to defer approval of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Corridor Improvement Project until the fall of 2025, and consider it as part of the 2026 Financial Planning process. This would compress the construction schedule, which could lead to the completion of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Corridor Improvement Project happening after the scheduled opening of the ALC.

**Communication:**

This project has been communicated internally between the Transportation, Infrastructure, Development Engineering Services, Roads Drainage Airport Departments and the Financial Services Division. Coordination with the Ministry of Transportation and BC Transit is ongoing for the crossing of 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue at Highway 97. The project team is coordinating with the ALC team. The Regional District of North Okanagan is a confirmed partner on the project, and will be renewing water and irrigation infrastructure.

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 - Project Sheet 2026-01 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Corridor Improvements

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