



## REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE

*For City Council – April 22, 2024*

### ***Additional Item***

**From:** Office of the City Clerk

**Date:** Monday, April 22, 2024

**Title:** Funding Agreement Trans Canada Trail Lighting Project

**Description:**

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Council-in-Committee, at its session held on April 22, 2024 considered an administrative report from the Program Funding Coordinator which requested Council authorization for an agreement between Trans Canada Trail and the City of Fredericton for a two-year trail lighting project.

Trans Canada Trail funding programs support enhancements of the Trans Canada Trail system. They have a variety of funding streams to support trail priorities. This funding focuses on providing financial support for significant upgrades to the trail system so our city can continue providing safe trails that promote active transportation to our residents and visitors. Through public engagement surveys, city staff have heard from residents that specific trail segments are dark at night, leading residents to feel unsafe. The city has made considerable advances in active transportation, and trail lighting is the next logical service we can provide to enhance user experience and safety to make the trails safer and more inclusive to our residents.

The City of Fredericton has an extensive network of paved and unpaved trails. However, the city has yet to develop a formalized trail lighting service level and standards. Staff have been directed to advance service standards for our trails, including trail lighting. Currently, some trails are fully or partially lit. However, we aim to develop and implement a prioritization strategy and lighting level standards along the trail network.

The current anticipated scope will be the trail segment from UNB to the Bill Thorpe Walking Bridge. This segment is part of the Trans Canada Trail network, which is required for this funding. The City has a lease agreement for the trail system with the Province of New Brunswick (NBDNRE). This sample section has high utility, and preliminary studies indicate it is one of the darkest segments of the trail. The trail coalition has identified this segment as a priority and an area of concern for residents and has committed to financially supporting this project.

The project promotes Active Transportation by making travel on the trails more inviting, particularly in the fall, winter, and spring when daylight hours are reduced. This also supports our Community Energy & Emissions Plan goal to enable low-carbon commuting options.

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The Committee directed that the following resolution be forwarded to City Council for consideration:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby accepts the funding contribution from Trans Canada Trails of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to assist the City of Fredericton with the trail lighting project. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Fredericton hereby approves and authorizes the Contribution Agreement between Trans Canada Trail and the City of Fredericton with respect to the funding of a project called "City of Fredericton, Trail Lighting (Phase 1)" (Project Code: 106696) (the "Agreement"); AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the local government and such further legal documents as may be required to facilitate the Agreement and this resolution; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Treasurer or Director of Corporate Services be authorized to execute required reports, such as but not limited to requests for contribution, project progress reports, project completion reports, milestone reports or documents that relate to financial claims for the project under the Agreement.