AGENDA ITEM NO:	7.2
MEETING DATE:	November 7, 2023

STAFF REPORT – COVER SHEET

SUBJECT:	BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Application 2023/2024	DATE:	October 13, 2023
DEPARTMENT:	Engineering	PREPARED BY:	Doug Mossey

1. SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

Council is requested to authorize staff to apply for shared funding under the Government of British Columbia Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant for sidewalks, cycle lanes, and multi-use pathways on Watson Road from Tyson Road to Vedder Road and on Keith Wilson Road from Tyson Road to Garrison Boulevard.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation that Council endorse the application for the BC Active Transportation Grant, as described in this report, for the Watson Road and Keith Wilson Road Active Transportation improvements.

Kara Jefford, Director of Engineering

3. FINANCE COMMENTS:

Sufficient funds are included in the 2023 and 2024 Financial Plans for the roadway improvements described in this report.

Glen Savard, Director of Finance

4. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION/COMMENTS:

Supports recommendation.

Chris Crosman, CAO

PREPARED BY:	Andrew Pipke	DATE:	October 13, 2023
POSITION:	Senior Road Safety Specialist	DEPARTMENT:	Engineering

1. DEFINITION OF ISSUE:

Council is requested to authorize staff to apply for shared funding under the Government of British Columbia Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant for sidewalks, cycle lanes, and multi-use pathways on Watson Road from Tyson Road to Vedder Road and on Keith Wilson Road from Tyson Road to Garrison Boulevard.

2. BACKGROUND:

2.1 The BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant will provide up to $500,000 or 50% of project costs to support the development of active transportation infrastructure for all ages and abilities.

2.2 The grant will fund projects such as multi-use protected travel lanes, pedestrian & cycling safety improvements, and lighting & wayfinding for up to two shovel-ready projects.

2.3 The Watson Road project is included in the Capital Plan, is identified in the 2018 Transportation Plan Update for road upgrades and is identified as a core cycling route in the 2017 Cycle Vision Plan.

2.3.1 This project is planned to include street lighting, barrier curb, sidewalk, drainage, cycle lanes, and vehicle lane improvements and provides a key west-east connection with Mount Slesse Middle School, Watson Elementary School, the Valley Rail Trail, the Garrison Crossing Neighbourhood, Tzeachten First Nation and the Promontory Centre shopping district.

2.3.2 McElhanney Consulting Services completed a pre-design evaluation of the project in 2018. The Class C estimate for the cost of the project was $4,430,000, excluding land purchase.

2.3.3 Should this grant application be successful, the City is expected to receive up to $500,000 toward this project, leaving the other $3,930,000 to be funded as part of the City's 2023 and 2024 capital budgets.

2.4 The Keith Wilson Road project is included in the Capital Plan, is a high-priority location as identified in the Active Transportation Plan, and is identified as a core cycling route in the 2017 Cycle Vision Plan.

2.4.1   This project is planned to include streetlighting, barrier curb, sidewalks, cycle lanes, multi-use paths, and vehicle lane improvements to finish a key connection between the Garrison Village neighbourhood and Tzeachten First Nation with the new Stitó:s Lá:lém Totí:lt Elementary / Middle School and the University of the Fraser Valley.

2.4.2   The City recently awarded the Design-Build contract for this section of works. With Hydro works included, the cost of the project is $2.15 million.

2.4.3   Should this grant application be successful, the City is expected to receive up to approximately $500,000 towards this project, leaving the other $1.65 million to be funded as part of the City's 2023 and 2024 capital budgets.

3   RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation that Council endorse the application for the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant 2023-2024, as described in this report, for the Watson Road and Keith Wilson Road active transportation and roadway improvements.
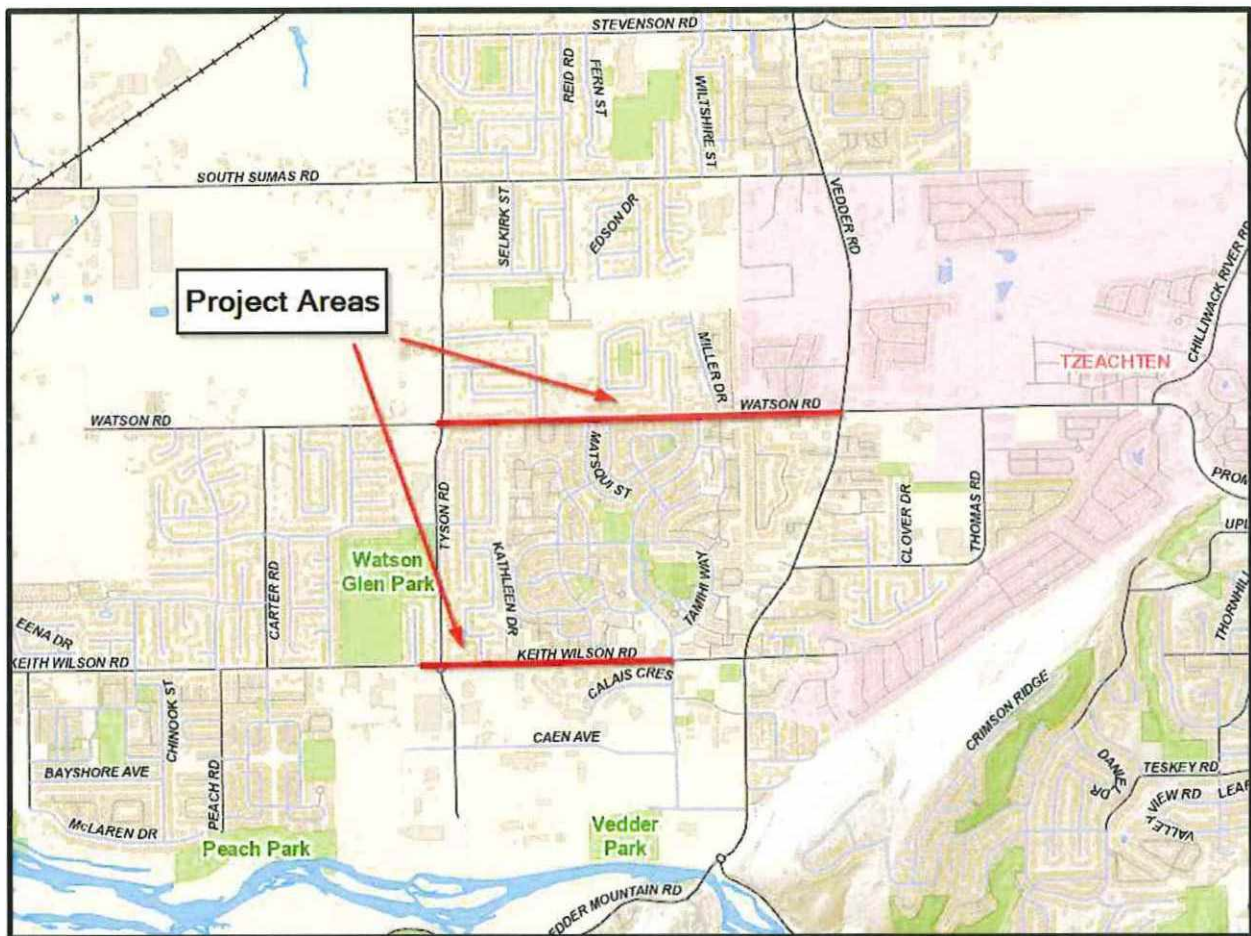

Figure "A" – Project Area