



## CITY OF TERRACE RECEIVES \$500,000 FROM PROVINCE FOR GRAND TRUNK PATHWAY CONNECTION AND COMPLETION PROJECT

### ***BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant funding also received for Munroe Street reconstruction; funding for Lanfear Hill upgrades not awarded***

The City of Terrace has been awarded a \$500,000 Rural Community Development Grant, which will allow the City to go ahead with the Grand Trunk Pathway Completion and Connection Project: Terrace to Kitsumkalum. Run through the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, this program is providing nearly \$14 million in grants for more than 150 projects that support economic development and recreational opportunities in rural communities throughout British Columbia.

Also known as the Skeena River Walk section, this portion of the pathway is projected to cost \$1 million to complete. In March 2020, Council also allocated \$505,000 from the 2019 Gas Tax Program (Community Works fund) towards this project. "We are pleased to have been awarded this considerable financial support from the Province," said David Block, Director of Development Services. "We now have all the funding required to get started, so the project can go ahead and design work can begin as scheduled later this year."

The City of Terrace undertook the Grand Trunk Pathway (GTP) Master Plan in 2008 in order to guide the extension and completion of the primary pedestrian and cycling trail in the city. The Plan's vision saw the linking of downtown Terrace to the Kitsumkalum River. The Master Plan contained a general, high-level design concept for the entire pathway, adopting the general character of the existing Millennium section, which was completed in 2002. The Grand View Walk section was completed in 2015, and terminates at Frank Street. This third section, the Skeena River Walk, will link from the Frank Street terminus to the Kitsumkalum First Nation at the Kitsumkalum River.

"The Grand Trunk Pathway is a key recreational and active transportation route. Completing this section will help address safety issues along the corridor for those who use it to commute, while also providing a longer pathway for recreational walking and cycling. It will be a valuable addition to our community that will be accessible for all," said Terrace Mayor Carol Leclerc.

The City of Terrace gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the province of British Columbia for this project.

*Other infrastructure updates:*

**Munroe Street Reconstruction:** The City of Terrace also received \$217,635 for the Munroe Street Active Transportation Enhancements project, which will better connect the community and provide easier access to Skeena Middle School and Caledonia Secondary School. The BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants program, run through the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, also provided funding to five other projects in northern BC and totalled \$1.8 million for 2020–21.

“This funding supports the planned bike lanes and sidewalks that we hope will improve and encourage active commutes to school and help reduce congestion in this area,” said Schibli.

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In April 2020, the City of Terrace awarded Progressive Ventures Ltd. with the tender for the Munroe Street reconstruction, which is already underway and scheduled for completion this year.

**Lanfeear Hill:** The City was not selected for funding for Lanfeear Hill upgrades following its application to the Investing in Canada Grant.

“We are disappointed to not be awarded a grant for this important project,” said Rob Schibli, Director of Public Works. “Staff are moving ahead with geotechnical and preliminary design work this year to prepare for future opportunities to complete the project.”

Read more about the Rural Community Development Grant:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020FLNR0034-001086>

Read more about BC Active Transportation Grants:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020TRAN0090-001146>

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