



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

Approved for Board Consideration

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Corie Griffiths, Deputy CAO

To: Regional Board
From: Murray Kopp, Director – Parks Services
Date: July 25, 2022
Subject: Parks Services Budget Amendment – Reallocation of Capital Funds for Mission Creek Greenway Regional Park Flood Repairs

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors – Stakeholder Weighted Vote - Majority (LGA s.209)*

Purpose: To consider an amendment to the Parks Services 2022 Budget.

Executive Summary:

The Mission Creek Greenway Regional Park during the 2022 Spring Freshet was significantly damaged. The portion of greenway from Hollywood Road South to the Smoothing Stones Bridge has several sections of trail washed out, bridge abutment(s) protection damage, and is currently closed to the public due to these hazards. Staff are requesting a reallocation of Regional Park Capital Funding for Phase 2 Glen Canyon Projects for emergency repairs to the Mission Creek Greenway and to cover the cost for the insurance deductible. The Mission Creek Greenway is currently closed along this section, and staff are assessing the damage and working on a plan for safely reopening to the public as soon as practically possible. Reallocation of these funds is critical in achieving the necessary repairs.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Regional Board approves reallocating funding in the 2022 year of the RDCO 2022 – 2026 five Year Financial Plan No. 1502 for Function 142 – Regional Parks as follows:

- Reallocate \$77,250 from 02-2-7305-604-142 Upper Glan Canyon Phase 2 to 02-2-7311-622-142 Mission Creek Greenway Emergency Repair Works, and
- Reallocate \$72,100 from 02-2-7305-608-142 Upper Glen Canyon Powers Creek Clear Span Bridge to 02-2-7311-622-142 Mission Creek Greenway Emergency Repair Works.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Murray Kopp, Director Parks Services

Prepared by: Wayne Darlington, Manager Parks Capital Projects

Attachment(s):

- RDCO Mission Creek Greenway Regional Park Preliminary Damage Assessment
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Strategic Plan Alignment:

Priorities: Transportation and Mobility, Environment

Values: Resiliency, Good Governance

Background:

The Mission Creek Greenway Regional Park is one of the busiest Regional Parks in the Central Okanagan system of parks. On average more than 100,000 visits occur on the greenway each year to interact with nature, walk, run, or socialize with others. The greenway is also a corridor that provides a safe active transportation route for residents to commute to work or conduct errands by bike.

On Tuesday June 14, 2022, an unexpected weather system brought about significant rainfall causing a rapid rise in water levels in Mission Creek. As a result of this event, portions of the Mission Creek Greenway Regional Park were significantly damaged or compromised existing assets, making them vulnerable to future events. This has resulted in a closure of the greenway from the Hollywood Road South Parking Lot to the Layercake Mountain Viewpoint in Scenic Canyon Regional Park at Field Road.

An initial assessment of the greenway identified the following damages that require repair:

- Hollywood Road South to East Kelowna Road (Pasadena) – 25m section of greenway has been eroded and scoured away, plus 150m of significant bank scour adjacent to greenway. (A new realigned section of the Mission Creek Greenway in this section was completed and reopened on July 15, 2022)
- Hollywood Road South to Friends Bridge – 75m of minor trail erosion.
- Friends Bridge – north abutment structural protection has been displaced and/or missing.
- Friends Bridge – 15m section of greenway approach ramp has minor erosion of surfacing.
- Friends Bridge to Cedars Bridge – 30m section of greenway, 100m downstream of Cedars Bridge has eroded away.
- Cedars Bridge – northeast abutment protection has been compromised and bank is beginning to erode adjacent to bridge abutment.
- Cedars Bridge to Boardwalks – upstream 100m section of trail has been significantly eroded.
- Boardwalks to Smoothing Stones Bridge – 25m section of greenway has eroded away.
- Smoothing Stones Bridge – jump span structural abutment protection has been displaced.

All repair works will be completed in accordance with applicable environmental permitting requirements.

To achieve these repairs, parks staff are requesting approval from the Regional Board to reallocate funding already approved in the 2022 Regional Parks (142) Capital Budget from Glen Canyon Phase 2 Projects to the Mission Creek Greenway Emergency Repairs and to cover the deductible costs for insurance claim coverage for the bridge damages. Completion of the required repairs and getting the greenway reopened is a priority to ensure access to these trails is safe and assets are repaired and protected from future events.

Considerations:

Organizational/External:

A considerable amount of staff resources are required to maintain closures along this stretch of greenway. Despite our best efforts to maintain closures, some members of the public continue to avoid and/or damage fences or find new ways to access this section of the greenway. As a result, completing repairs to the Mission Creek Greenway is a priority to ensure public safety.

Financial:

Parks staff are requesting a reallocation of existing approved capital funding for Regional Parks (142) from two (2) Glen Canyon Projects that are being deferred to 2023 towards immediate repairs of the greenway. Parks staff are currently working with the Regional District's insurer to determine what would be covered under our current policy, if all or some of the damage is covered, some of the reallocated funds would be needed to cover the deductible costs.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

2022-2026 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1502

Considerations not applicable:

- Alternate Recommendation
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