

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 23, 2025

RE: **New Transit Stop and Shelters for Gallagher Lake and Hedley**

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT

The RDOS apply for two grant funding opportunities to allow acquisition, design and construction of two transit stops, namely:

1. BC Transit New Shelter Program
2. Ministry of Transportation and Transit Minor Betterments Program

Purpose:

To establish a dedicated transit stop for the Gallagher Lake community for the Route 40 service and improve transit shelter in the unincorporated community of Hedley to better access the Route 50 service.

Reference:

N/A

Business Plan Objective: *(Tie to current RDOS Business Plan)*

3. Goal 2.2 To meet public needs through the continuous improvement of key services
4. Goal 3.1: To develop a healthy and socially sustainable region

Background:

The Gallagher Lake area does not have a dedicated transit stop for the Route 40 BC Transit service that passes through the community. This has been a project that has been in dormancy until recently due to a change in the proposed location of the stop. The proposed stop will be a simple pole and seat arrangement, similar to the example provided below.



The current Hedley transit stop for the Route 50 is located within a Ministry of Transportation and Transit right of way, with no safe shelter for transit users. The improved bus shelter will provide safe, accessible and improved visibility of transit use in the community. The shelter will be partially enclosed to improve user comfort and safety, similar to the example provided below.



Analysis:

The costs associated with establishing a new transit shelter exceed funds available in reserve for the transit services, and staff have identified these grant programs as a pathway to improve transit service without a direct cost to RDOS taxpayers.

Application for the grant funding opportunities will allow the following:

1. BC Transit New Shelter Program – Supply of transit shelter at no cost to the RDOS from BC Transit.
2. Ministry of Transportation and Transit Minor Betterments Program – Design and construction costs for the transit stops will be covered by the grant funding program with no cost to the RDOS.

Financial Implications:

These grant fundings will allow the project to be undertaken without cost impact to the RDOS.

Alternatives:

The grant funding opportunities are not realized and alternatives to funding are sought to allow design and build of the transit stops.

Communication Strategy: *(Outline the communications efforts being undertaken to ensure this initiative is communicated appropriately.)*

Respectfully submitted:

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