



**COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

<b>DATE:</b>	October 8, 2024	<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE:</b>	October 21, 2024
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Engineering and Public Works		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	BC Active Transportation – Grant Funding Application		

**PURPOSE:**

To seek Council’s authorization to apply for a BC Active Transportation Grant.

**SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:**

In 2021, Council approved an Active Transportation Plan for the community. Active transportation relates to human-powered forms of commuting to work, school, recreation, socializing, or running errands. It includes walking, cycling, rolling (skateboarding, scootering), among other modes.

The Province’s Active Transportation grant funding stream provides funding for 70% of eligible project costs up to a total funding amount of \$500,000. This year, the intake for the program is open from September 1 to October 31, 2024.

In 2023, the District was successful in receiving a BC Active Transportation Grant for the construction of a sidewalk along Nicholson Road, and in 2024, the District was successful in receiving a BC Active Transportation Grant for the construction of a sidewalk along 47 Avenue NW and Hillside Avenue NW.

This year, District staff are seeking Council’s authorization to apply to the BC Active Transportation grant funding stream for the construction of a sidewalk extension along 46<sup>th</sup> Street NE from Windrem Elementary School north to 47 Avenue NE in the Crown Subdivision, and along 47 Avenue NE from Nicholson Road to the trailhead at the eastern extent of 47 Avenue NE, as shown on Attachment 1 to this report. This project aligns with the priorities listed in Chetwynd’s Active Transportation Plan as it provides a sidewalk connection to Windrem Elementary School and into the Crown Subdivision.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The total estimated project costs amount to \$600,000. Thus, the District’s required contribution will be 30% or \$180,000 if the District receives the BC Active Transportation Grant funding of 70% or \$420,000.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

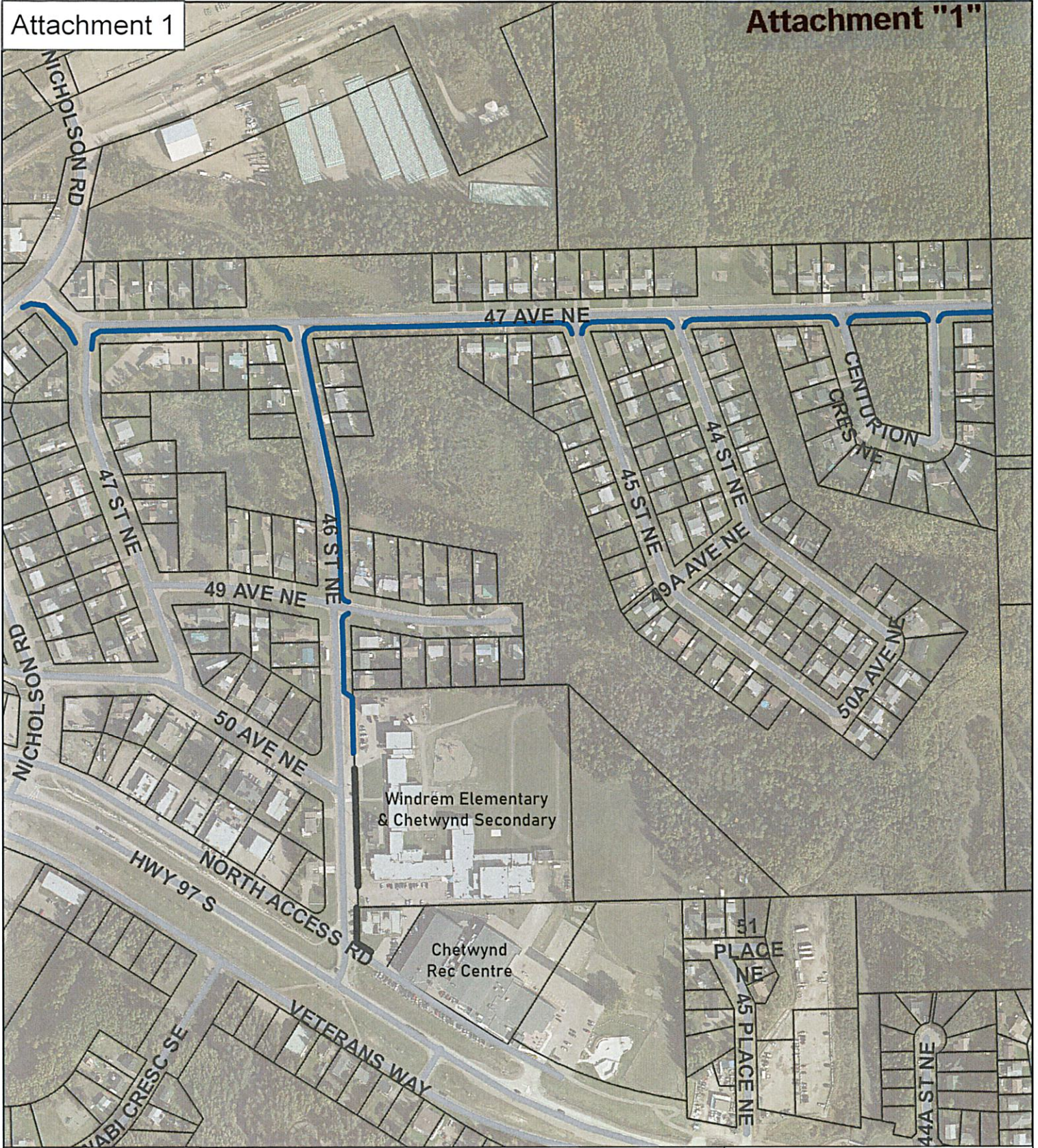
**THAT Council receive the report for information; or**

**THAT Council authorize staff to submit a “shovel-ready” application for BC Active Transportation Grant funding to construct a sidewalk extension along 46<sup>th</sup> Street NE and 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE; and**

**THAT Council support the project and commit to its financial share of the project.**

<p><b>SUBMITTED BY:</b></p> <p>Desirée LeBlanc</p> <hr/> <p>Department Head</p>	<p><b>REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL BY:</b></p> <p>Stephen McLain</p> <hr/> <p>Chief Administrative Officer</p>
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Attachments: Attachment 1, Proposed Sidewalk Extension



**BC Active Transportation  
Grant Application**

**Proposed Sidewalk Extension**



*The accuracy & completeness of information shown on this drawing is not guaranteed. It will be the responsibility of the user of the information to locate and establish the precise location of all existing information whether shown or not.*

Legend	
	Existing Sidewalk
	Proposed Sidewalk
	Lot Lines