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Subject: Update on application to York Region's Pedestrian and Cycling Partnership Program

To: Mayor and Council

From: Michael Vos, Director, Operations and Infrastructure

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Briefing:

The purpose of the Pedestrian and Cycling Partnership Program (PCPP) is to encourage walking and cycling by advancing the implementation of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure throughout York Region. Walking and cycling for work, school, leisure and errands reduces the number of trips made by motor vehicles and contributes to a healthy and active lifestyle.

In 2023, staff submitted an application under York Region's annual Pedestrian and Cycling Partnership Program, for the connecting link between Forestry Drive and Station Road, on Old Homestead Road in Pefferlaw, Ontario. This location, amongst others, has been highlighted as a missing, and difficult, pedestrian connection for many years. This 380m connection aligned with the Regional objectives of the PCPP being a reduction in single-occupancy vehicle use, improvement in pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, and connection to community facilities. Within Georgina, there remains other locations with missing pedestrian/cycling connections, however, many of these may be resolved by existing and future projects in the 10 year capital plan.

The Town was recently notified that the 2023 application to the PCPP was successful, resulting in an approved maximum cost-share contribution received from the Region of \$323,355.45, being 33% of the applications' estimated costs. Actual costs incurred by the Town for this potential project would be invoiced to the Region quarterly, and subsequently payment would be released to the Town quarterly. This process continues for the first \$323,355.45 of the project costs. Costs in excess of the cost-share amount for this project would need to be funded by the Town.

As a next step; Staff aim to release a Request for Tender to obtain actual (bid submitted) engineering design and construction costs, to return to Council in 2024 for a potential request for funding in excess of the grant amount (depending upon the submitted bid amounts) and awards of contracts, as an unbudgeted project. It is at that time Council will have the relevant information and costing to decide on moving forward with design and construction of the project.