Appendix A - Business Improvement Zones, Image Routes and Neighbourhood Main Streets Funding Grant Agreements

Recommendation

That funding from the 2026 Business Improvement Zones, Image Routes and Neighbourhood Main Streets Capital Program be approved for the following streetscaping projects:

Academy Road BIZ – $40,000
This project involves the development of a new streetscaping plan for the BIZ, to be undertaken by FT3. The grant will provide initial funding for streetscaping elements identified through the plan, including gateway features, decorative lighting, and other public realm enhancements. The total project value is estimated at approximately $150,000.

Norwood Grove BIZ – $30,000
This project supports the continued implementation of the BIZ Streetscape Enhancement Strategic Plan. The first phase includes the installation of an enhanced gateway lighting feature at the intersection of Marion Street and Goulet Street. A subsequent phase will involve the construction of a gateway sign at the eastern entrance to the BIZ at Marion Street and Archibald Street. The total project value is expected to exceed $195,000 over the next several years.

Old St. Vital BIZ – $40,000
This project involves the development of an updated Streetscape Enhancement Strategic Plan for the BIZ. The grant will enable the BIZ to engage FT3 to prepare the plan, which will include a lighting strategy for St. Mary's Road aimed at improving safety and enhancing the public realm. The project also includes the design and installation of new benches along St. Anne's Road and St. Mary's Road to further improve the pedestrian environment. The total project value is expected to exceed $225,000 over the coming years as implementation progresses.

Provencher Boulevard BIZ – $50,000
This project supports the continuation of the custom-designed metal banner program along Provencher Boulevard. The banners feature three unique designs that reflect the character, culture, and identity of the community. The grant will also support repairs and enhancements to the boulevard tree lighting, helping to strengthen the distinctive character of the area. The total project value is estimated at approximately $125,000.

South Osborne BIZ – $20,000
This project involves the construction of a concert stage that will also function as a picnic shelter within the park adjacent to Osborne Street. The facility will form part of a larger park renewal initiative for the Fort Rouge Leisure Centre. The South Osborne BIZ has established a successful summer concert series that attracts residents from the Riverview and Lord Roberts neighbourhoods. This project will enhance community programming and contribute to a vibrant pedestrian-oriented environment within the BIZ. The total value of the stage and picnic shelter project is expected to exceed $250,000.

Background

The City of Winnipeg continues to invest in partnership projects within Business Improvement Zone (BIZ) districts. These districts each possess a distinct identity and serve as mixed-use, walkable commercial areas that function as neighbourhood hubs. Funding provided through this program enables BIZ organizations to leverage additional investment from other sources and

undertake projects that enhance the public realm, support economic development, and strengthen neighbourhood vitality.

Note
The project descriptions outlined above are intended to provide a high-level overview and are subject to change. This flexibility recognizes that project scopes may evolve between Council's approval of the budget and the execution of construction contracts.