

### **Snow Allocation and Federal Options to Support Weather Response**

As included in previous direction regarding the City's funding plan it was directed that Administration consider an allocation from the 2024 – 2035 Major Capital Funding Plan to fund a portion of the 2022 Emergency Snow Response. Included in the draft plan is a \$5 million allocation in 2024 to assist in the funding of this response. The allocation was determined based on the available funding that was left in 2024 after the City's share of key Government Funding applications were considered.

In terms of the opportunity for additional funding to support weather responses, in 2018, the Government of Canada launched the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF), committing \$2 billion over 10 years to invest in structural and natural infrastructure projects to increase the resilience of communities that are impacted by natural disasters triggered by climate change.

Eligible infrastructure projects under the DMAF include new construction of public infrastructure and/or modification or reinforcement of existing public infrastructure including natural infrastructure that prevent, mitigate, or protect against the impacts of climate change, disasters triggered by natural hazards, and extreme weather.

Prior City applications have been focused on the City's Flood Control Strategy of which the DMAF will contribute \$21.6 million to the total project cost of \$54.0 million as part of the nine-year plan.

A second round for DMAF application is currently open and at the June 28, 2023 regular meeting of City Council when considering the [Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund Round 2 Applications](#) report, City Council resolved:

- “ 1) That City Council approve and direct the Administration to submit the following two applications to round 2 of the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund program:
- a) City of Saskatoon Park and Green Space Network Adaptation to Extreme Heat project; and
  - b) Flood Control Strategy Expansion.
- 2) That if applications are successful, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement(s) from the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund program under the Corporate Seal.”

Federal Government Funding programs like the DMAF have largely been focused on Capital Initiatives and do not typically provide funding opportunities for operating expenditures such as responding to a significant snow and ice event. While there were exceptions to this during the Pandemic when the federal government provided the Safe Restart Program as well as one-time public transit funding, the Administration does not believe there to be a viable option to fund operational cost related to extreme weather events through any existing provincial or federal programs.