



# Memorandum

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**TO:** Members of Council  
**FROM:** Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk  
**DATE:** Thursday, March 3, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** **Additional Information**  
**Committee of the Whole – March 7, 2022**

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## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### Additional Information

1. Memorandum from Mayor Bill Mauro, dated February 28, 2022, containing a motion relative to Support for Ukraine’s Sovereignty.
2. Memorandum from Mobility Coordinator Darrik Smith, dated March 2, 2022, containing a motion relative to Request for Supporting Resolution for Infrastructure Canada’s Active Transportation Fund.

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# Memorandum

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**TO:** Krista Power, City Clerk  
**FROM:** Mayor Bill Mauro  
**DATE:** February 28, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Support for Ukraine's Sovereignty  
Committee of the Whole – March 7, 2022

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Ukraine is facing an unprecedented and unjustified attack on their people, their sovereignty and their territory. The world is deeply troubled by the situation on the ground, including images of hardship, violence and families seeking refuge. Along with other levels of government and Ontario Big Cities' Mayors, Council should stand with the people of Ukraine, Ukrainian communities across Ontario and those around the world in strongly condemning this brazen and unprovoked attack.

The Thunder Bay Multicultural Association, as selected by the federal government, is one of the six Resettlement Assistance Program agencies in Ontario. The Program, which is managed through Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, provides on-going assistance to refugees prior to their arrival in Canada. The local agency has welcomed refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia and Eritea. The City has the capacity to settle, find permanent housing and employment, as well as connect refugees to an established cultural community.

I believe that because Thunder Bay has a strong Ukrainian community, with more than 14,000 citizens identifying with Ukrainian heritage in the 2016 census, Council should advocate to the federal government to ensure that Thunder Bay is identified as an ideal location for settlement of Ukrainian refugees who have been displaced from their home country.

As such, I present the following motion for Council's consideration,

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Mayor Bill Mayor dated February 28, 2022, we stand for peace and are in full support of the strict sanctions the federal government has imposed on Russia;

AND THAT we call on the federal government to welcome those fleeing the conflict with Ukraine into our country with open arms;

AND THAT the City of Thunder Bay be identified by the federal government as an ideal location for settlement of Ukrainian refugees who have been displaced from their home country;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Hon. Mélanie Jolie, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship; Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health; and Marcus Powlowski, MP – Thunder Bay-Rainy River.



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Krista Power, City Clerk

**FROM:** Darrik Smith, MBA - Mobility Coordinator, Engineering and Operations.

**DATE:** March 2, 2022

**RE:** Request for Supporting Resolution for Infrastructure Canada's Active Transportation Fund  
Committee of the Whole – March 7, 2022

Administration is requesting a resolution of support from Council for a funding application to the national Active Transportation Fund (ATF). The Federal Government has allocated \$400M available to eligible recipients over 5 years to support the construction or enhancement of Active Transportation (AT) infrastructure to increase the total amount, usage, and quality of AT infrastructure in Canada to shift transportation away from single-occupancy vehicles. The fund covers 60% of capital costs up to \$50M per project with a construction deadline of March 31, 2026. Applications for the ATF will be evaluated using the following five criteria:

1. Improved Community Connectivity and Accessibility
2. Economic Benefits
3. Environmental and Climate Benefits
4. Improved User Mobility and Supporting Safe and Secure Environments
5. Project Viability

Administration included the design and construction of AT bridges that will repurpose the girders from the Edward Street bridge project in the 2022 Capital budget and forecast. The proposed locations of these bridges are Lakehead University Fieldhouse Grounds – Riverside Trail and a connection between George Burke Park and the River Terrace Subdivision. One other location is to be determined.

The proposed AT bridges project is a strong candidate, meeting all of the funding criteria. The proposed bridges are identified as Priority items in the City's Active Transportation Plan and will improve community connectivity and accessibility by providing more direct access to Lakehead University facilities and Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) while also creating an improved connection from River Terrace to John Street, which includes access to Bishop EQ Jennings Senior Elementary School and existing AT infrastructure. From an environmental perspective, reusing the Edward Street bridge girders supports environmental stewardship as well as providing climate benefits by addressing embodied carbon. These new connections promote safe active travel to school for

students of Bishop EQ Jennings as well as Lakehead University and opportunities to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips which reduces emissions and improves community health. More direct crossings help decrease trip duration, improve navigability of the AT network and the provision of safe crossings that improve access to education and healthcare facilities and result in improved mobility options for all network users.

Administration is seeking Council's support of this project for the ATF application and agreement execution if the application is successful.

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Mobility Coordinator Darrik Smith dated March 2, 2022, we confirm Council's support of the girder reuse pedestrian bridges project for application to the national Active Transportation Fund;

AND THAT if successful Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign all documentation related to this matter;

AND THAT any necessary By-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

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cc: EMT  
Kayla Dixon – Director of Engineering and Operations