

Supporting Infrastructure Improvements in Delta's Industrial Areas

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WHEREAS Delta's industrial zones, particularly Tilbury and Annacis Island, are integral to the economic vitality of our city, contributing significantly to municipal revenues through taxes;

AND WHEREAS the workforce and operations in these areas rely heavily on accessible, safe, and efficient infrastructure, including sidewalks, crosswalks, and transit amenities;

AND WHEREAS infrastructure in industrial zones has not always kept pace with growth and activity levels, impacting safety, equity, and access for workers, visitors, and service providers;

AND WHEREAS investments in infrastructure directly support the sustainability and attractiveness of these industrial areas for current businesses and future economic development;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council directs staff to conduct an assessment of the current infrastructure in the Tilbury and Annacis Island industrial areas to identify gaps and opportunities for the installation of new crosswalks, sidewalks, and bus shelters;
2. Council directs staff to explore potential funding sources, including grants and partnerships, and to include a dedicated infrastructure line item in the upcoming budget for improvements in industrial zones.

Comments provided by the Engineering Department:

In recent years, Delta has made strategic capital investments in the Tilbury, Annacis, and Boundary Bay industrial areas, including over \$5 million in sidewalk expansions and an enhanced cycling network as well as the installation of a new bus shelters at five locations in Annacis and Tilbury this year.

The City is actively engaged in a comprehensive 2026–2030 budget planning process. As part of this effort, a series of road improvements, sidewalk installations, and bus shelter enhancements will be brought forward for Council's consideration to support the growing infrastructure and transportation needs of both residents and businesses. Delta will continue to apply for grant funding opportunities related to infrastructure improvements as they become available.

Should Council adopt the motion, staff will report back to Council with an assessment of the infrastructure needs in the Tilbury and Annacis Island industrial areas—including locations for new crosswalks, sidewalks, and bus shelters—alongside potential funding opportunities.