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Grants could cover entire rehabilitation project

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The Town of Hinton is pursuing a couple of promising funding avenues for rehabilitation of the Beaver Boardwalk.

The Town is working to submit an ask to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) that may cover the entire overhaul.

"May result in us being able to rehabilitate the entire beaver boardwalk area, so very promising," said Heather Wayne, parks, recreation and culture manager for the Town of

Hinton. Wayne told council that the matter had already been in front of the Beaver Boardwalk Oversight Committee, and that a number of exercises had been undertaken to identify priority areas.

"If we need to do a phased approach for this project then that will be identified through the prioritization they provided."

Coun. Albert Ostashek, who is a council representative on the boardwalk committee, said the committee has been working hard over the course of some long meetings in developing these

recommendations. Wayne said that FRIAA accepts applications twice a month and they take up to three months to make a decision.

"Given direction to go bold with design," Wayne said about discussions with FRIAA.

Interim CAO Paul Hanlan informed council that another federal grant has come to light up to \$1million, which would be stackable with the FRIAA grant if both applications were successful.

Both grants could be in place in time for a winter construction season.

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