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RE: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream

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AIM

To provide Council with background information regarding Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream and the recommended projects.

BACKGROUND

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is a cost-shared infrastructure funding program between the federal government, provinces and territories, and municipalities and other recipients. This program will see up to \$30 billion in combined federal, provincial and other partner funding, under four priority areas, including Community, Culture and Recreation.

The Community, Culture and Recreation stream will support community infrastructure priorities across the province, improving access to and/or quality of community, cultural, and recreation priority infrastructure projects.

The following criteria will be used to assess the appropriateness of a project to advance it toward federal review:

- Community Need
- Funding Need for Proposed Project
- Promotes Good Asset Management
- Provincial Land-Use Planning
- Efficiencies Through Joint Projects
- Project Readiness
- Represents Good Value for Money

- Financial Risk Assessment and Due Diligence
- Organizational Capacity for Implementation
- Developed Operational Plan
- Accessibility

DISCUSSION

Based upon discussion with the Parks Recreation Arts and Culture Committee, review of the long term Capital Budget, review of the Kingsville Parks and Recreation Masterplan and the criteria for the ICIP; it was recommended that the Town request funding for improvements to the outdoor fields within the Kingsville Arena property including but not inclusive to; construction of 8 pickleball courts, relocation of 2 bocce courts, construction of a dog park and improvements to the baseball fields at the Kingsville Recreation Complex.

Pickleball Courts

Pickleball is a quickly growing indoor and outdoor sport and is especially popular among older adults. The sport is described as a lower intensity paddle sport that can be played on dedicated courts or modified tennis courts (it requires a badminton-sized court with a net that is slightly lower than tennis height). Pickleball is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

At present, there are no dedicated pickleball courts in the town, although pickleball users have previously shared space with the Kingsville Tennis Club. The 2013 Master Plan recommended that pickleball be accommodated on the existing tennis courts as a pilot program to gauge interest and determine whether permanent outdoor courts were warranted.

The Town initiated this pilot program and a local pickleball group – capped at 100 members due to limited hours – has shown that there is support to build dedicated courts. The pickleball group is currently working with the Town towards the development of an eight-court facility at the Kingsville Recreation Complex. Once complete, the proposed pickleball courts are expected to be adequate to meet demand for the planning period of this Master Plan.

Administration have been in discussion with KPA and they are in support of the grant application.

Baseball Diamonds

The condition assessment undertaken for this Master Plan confirmed that the Town's existing ball diamonds require improvements to address current needs. The fencing, dugouts and lighting serving the Kingsville Recreation Complex diamonds are approaching the end of their lifespan and will require repair and/or replacement. The Town will be working with ball groups to identify priority investments and develop a scope that can be phased in over a period of time, top priorities will be included within the application.

Dog Park

In 2018, the Town was donated a plot of land located to the North of Road 2, and adjacent to the Kingsville Recreation Complex. This piece of land was donated with the intent to create a dog park. The scope of work for this project will be the installation fencing, planting of trees, and installation of a shade structure and benches.

Bocce Courts

In 2016, the Town installed one Bocce court on the premises of the Kingsville Recreation Complex. The intent of this installation was to assess the usage of the court and operational requirements for the Town. Due to the popularity of the courts a second court was installed in 2017. Originally the bocce courts were to be removed and relocated to the Lions Park once construction of the park commenced.

Due to the popularity of the location it was decided that the courts would also remain at the Complex. The scope of work for this project is to relocate the courts within the same area however improve, drainage and surface for the players.

Administration has been in discussions with the bocce players and they are also in support of this project and the application.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Improve recreational and cultural facilities and opportunities within the Town of Kingsville.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The estimated cost for this project is \$610,000. The allocation of funding, should the Town be successful in this application would be:

Federal \$ 244,000
Provincial \$ 203,313
Municipal \$162,687

The Municipal portion would be allocated from reserves and fund raising of user groups. Administration is currently working with the Kingsville Pickleball Association for fundraising agreement.

CONSULTATIONS

Municipal Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council support the application towards the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

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