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**Date:** October 26, 2020  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
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**RE:** Kingsville Pickleball and Bocce Facility RFP  
**Report No.:** MS 2020-42

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## **AIM**

To seek Council approval to proceed with the competitive bidding process for the construction of the proposed Pickleball and Bocce Court facility located at 1741 Jasperson Lane.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Town has witnessed an upturn of interest for recreational activities that have become increasingly popular amongst active seniors within the community. Recognizing the importance and need for connectivity within the community that encourages physical activity, the Town satisfied the public's desire by instituting the sports of pickleball and bocce.

In 2013, Kingsville Pickleball was established and shared the existing tennis courts as a pilot program to gauge interest and determine whether permanent outdoor courts were warranted.

In 2016, the sport of bocce was introduced to the community as temporary courts were constructed to gauge interests similar to the intent of pickleball.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan which had been reviewed and updated in 2018 identifies emerging needs and recommends to venture into constructing a dedicated facility to satisfy the continued growing interest amongst both recreational offerings of pickleball and bocce.

## **DISCUSSION**

Town administration had investigated and presented several location options that would accommodate new pickleball courts, however, the location at 1741 Jasperson Lane

situated within the northeastern area of the Arena complex was most favourable as it encompassed amenities including adequate parking, washroom facilities and a central location that is easily accessible that provides synergies with the existing land use.

In 2019, the Kingsville Pickleball, Inc (KPI) and participants of bocce were presented with the proposal for the future development of new pickleball and bocce courts in which both parties were satisfied with the intent and support its location within the lands of 1741 Jasperson Lane.

The Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture (PRAC) Committee also support the new development and its location.

Furthermore, the Town had submitted a grant application in the Fall of 2019 under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) in supporting the purpose of constructing a new designated facility for pickleball and bocce. In July of 2020, the Province issued a formal response to the Town that the application had been unsuccessful.

At the July 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, Council approved the following recommendations as presented in the MS 2020-31 report:

- *'That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the contribution agreement with Kingsville Pickleball, Inc. to construct a new eight (8) court pickleball facility located within the lands of 1741 Jasperson Lane;'*
- *'And That, if the Town is unsuccessful in its ICIP grant application, Council pre-approve an additional \$150,829, which amount is to be included in the 2021 Parks capital budget for the construction of Pickleball Courts.'*

In light of the response from the Province and following Council's approval of the pickleball contribution agreement, the Kingsville Pickleball Inc. (KPI) had promptly secured the minimum contribution amount through fundraising efforts in order to proceed with the project. In fact, the Kingsville Pickleball, Inc. has funded nearly 70% of the full contribution amount since the agreement was approved and even acquired a generous donation for the naming rights of the pickleball facility.

Pending Council approval, the Town intends to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) by the end of 2020 to ensure that construction is completed within an appropriate timeframe to accommodate the upcoming pickleball and bocce season in 2021.

The proposed project highlights the following to be constructed at 1741 Jasperson Lane:

- Eight (8) Pickleball Courts
- Two (2) Bocce Courts

The estimated cost for this project is \$350,000 (Excluding HST).  
A summary of the total project budget is provided below:

	<b>Amount</b>
Pickleball Courts	\$275,000
Bocce Courts	\$50,000
Project Contingency	\$25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>

Attached in Appendix A of this report is the Request for Proposal (RFP) document prepared by the Town.

## **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

With the \$150,829 'pre-approved' in the 2021 budget, the Town has confirmed \$275,000 in funding for this project. The breakdown of the approved funding is outlined below.

	<b>Amount</b>
Kingsville Pickleball Inc. Contribution	\$75,000
2019 Pickleball Reserves	\$25,000
2020 Budget Allocation	\$24,171
2021 Budget – Pre-approval	\$150,829
<b>Confirmed Funding</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>

Administration recommends funding the additional \$75,000 for the Bocce Courts and Contingency from the Lion's Hall Property Development Reserve (03-000-032-31049). It should be noted, the money previously earmarked for the development of Bocce Courts was allocated to this reserve in anticipation that the courts would be located at Lion's Park.

## **CONSULTATIONS**

Parks, Recreation, Arts and Culture Committee  
 Kingsville Pickleball, Incorporated  
 Bocce Participants  
 Administration Management Group  
 Financial Services  
 Municipal Services

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse the proposed Pickleball and Bocce Court facility located at 1741 Jasperson Lane;

And That, Council direct Administration to proceed with the competitive bidding process prior to year-end to allow for construction to commence in early 2021;

And That, Council provide consent to eliminate the proposed bocce courts from the concept Master Plan for the future development of Lions Park as presented at the July 23,2018 Regular Meeting of Council.

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