

Corporation of the Town of Hawkesbury

Recommendation to Council

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

Recommendation

Whereas the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) will see up to \$30 billion in combined federal, provincial and other partner funding, under four priority areas, including Community, Culture and Recreation, and;

Whereas 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, and;

Whereas more than one project can be submitted by the municipality.

Be it resolved that the following projects at the Robert Hartley Sports Complex be submitted for funding: the replacement of the arena refrigeration system and the renovation of the entrance, lobby and change rooms in order to improve accessibility to those with mobility issues as recommended in document 2019_REC_83.

Explanation, history, context

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.

Eligible projects:

A project must include a capital component. A project may also include pre-construction planning and design work; however, planning and design work are not eligible as stand-alone projects.

A project must meet the outcome of improving access to and/or increasing quality of cultural, recreational and/or community infrastructure for Ontarians.

Eligible asset types:

- Recreation facilities
- Cultural facilities
- Community centres
- Education and health facilities advancing Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action

Eligible project types:

Multi-Purpose Category:

This project category focuses on the principle of integrated service delivery to address identified service gaps. The individual project cap will generally be \$50 million in total project cost, but exceptions may be made in some cases. Eligible projects consist of:

- new build / construction projects
- larger scale renovation
- expansion of existing facilities.

Rehabilitation and Renovation Category

This project category focuses on maximizing the funding impact of small-scale projects that would improve the condition of existing facilities. The individual project cap is \$5 million in total project cost. Eligible projects consist of: renovation and rehabilitations to address functionality and use of existing facilities

- Small-scale improvements to address accessibility (e.g., hand rails, ramps, accessible doors/parking/elevators, wayfinding and signage etc.)
- Small new build / construction projects of recreation, cultural or community centre infrastructure (e.g., playing fields, tennis courts, small community squares)

Note: projects that focus on vulnerable populations (e.g., low income persons) and Indigenous people will be given additional consideration as part of the assessment process.

Timelines:

Applications and all supporting documentations must be submitted through Grants Ontario by 11:59 p.m. EDT on November 12, 2019.

The province will notify applicants if their project has been selected for nomination to the federal government for review and approval in winter 2020 (estimated).

Applicants will be notified of the federal funding decision in spring/summer 2020 (estimated).

Projects must be completed by March 31, 2027

Evaluation Criteria:

Projects must meet federal project eligibility requirements, be technically viable and be achievable within the program timelines.

Applicants must demonstrate that projects meet the following objectives under the Community, Culture and Recreation stream:

- Meets community and user needs
- Promotes good asset management
- Represents good value for money
- Foster greater accessibility

Project Descriptions:

Replacement of the arena refrigeration system

Built in 1978, the arena at the Robert Hartley Sports Complex has an indirect, closed refrigeration system using R22 Freon as the primary refrigerant.

Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), such as R22 Freon have been used as refrigerants since the 1930's.

Through the Montreal Protocol, Canada had committed to the phase-out of all HCFCs, including R22 Freon by January 1, 2020. After that time, only recycled R22 will be available for purchase until 2030 when HCFCs will no longer be available in any format.

Furthermore, the sports complex originally had two ice sheets, each operating with four (4) compressors. The secondary ice sheet has since been decommissioned; therefore the two (2) groups of four (4) compressors are currently being used for the one (1) ice sheet. This practice, although convenient, is not energy efficient. In addition, each compressor-condenser group cools the ice by eliminating the heat generated. Presently, this heat is ejected into the environment. The new refrigeration systems recuperate the

heat and use it to heat water for domestic use or to pre-heat new air introduced into the complex through ventilation systems.

The payback period on the investment is 20 years.

Note: Due to the notification timeline of awarded projects in spring/summer 2020, the replacement of the refrigeration system will not be executed prior to the Fred Page Cup in May 2021.

Renovation of lobby and changing rooms

The Ontario government has decreed that by 2025, Ontario will be fully accessible to people with disabilities and to achieve this goal the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 was adopted in June 2005.

The goal of the project is to:

1. Renovate the entrance to the Sports Complex in order to render it accessible
2. Renovate the lobby and Information area of the Sports Complex in order to render it accessible
3. Modify the gender specific change rooms to family/universal change rooms in order to render them accessible

This will allow us to attain our commitment to remove and prevent all barriers, , in order to achieve full accessibility for persons with disabilities, as indicated in the Town of Hawkesbury's five-year accessibility plan. Specifically to:

- Allow a supporting person accompanying a person with disabilities to remain with him/her in all areas which are open to the public
- Initiate physical accessibility improvements as part of renovations or as special projects. This includes improvements to doors, washrooms, interior hallways and rooms, ramps, signage, etc.

The investment will not be recuperated, as the renovations are to help attain the new accessibility standards.

Options/alternatives

1. Not apply for grant

Impact on budget

The maximum total eligible cost per project for the rehabilitation and renovation category is \$ 5 million.

Arena Refrigeration System

The estimated budget for the replacement of the refrigeration system is up to \$2.1 million.

The cost sharing between all three parties is as follows:

Federal Contribution	40.00%	\$840,000
Provincial Contribution	33.33%	\$699,930
Municipal Contribution	26.67%	\$560,070

Lobby and Changing Room

The estimated budget for the renovation of the lobby and changing rooms is \$1.7 million.

The cost sharing between all three parties is as follows:

Federal Contribution	40.00%	\$680,000
Provincial Contribution	33.33%	\$566,610
Municipal Contribution	26.67%	\$453,390

The municipal contributions will be found in the following budgets:

\$300,000 2019 municipal buildings reserves

\$100,000 2020 municipal buildings reserves

\$100,000 2021 planned municipal buildings reserves

Balance Energy savings due to new technologies and heat recuperation from the refrigeration system

Relevant studies

N/A

Supporting document

N/A

Communication plan

To be developed once grant is approved.

Department(s) involved

Recreation and Tourism

Finance

Submitted and recommended by

Nicole Trudeau, October 4, 2019

Comments of the Chief Administrative Officer

I'm concerned with the number of application. This grant program will be very competitive and we should prioritize our projects. It's my recommendation that we submit the refrigeration application since it will save us operational costs.

Daniel Gaten, CAO

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