



Report to Municipal Council

Meeting Date: September 18, 2024	Report Date: September 12, 2024
Reason Before Council: Policy Direction / Approval	Priority: Normal
Department: Parks & Recreation	Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Report Title: Grant Update - Arena

Recommended Resolution:

That Council pass a resolution supporting the grant application and committing 20% of the project cost. Grant to be submitted by **October 16, 2024, 15:00 ET.**

Because of the limited time left, I would request that Council direct staff to the preferred options. Some of the quotes are dated but are generally in the ballpark. By the time a Resolution is brought at the October meeting, we should have a more accurate costing. To remember we are responsible for 20% of the cost, our cost is in (brackets).

Options:

1. Solar Panels - I reached out to a provider that had provided a quote in 2020 when we last tried to get a grant for solar panels at the arena. The recommend size was 325 kw ground mount at a cost of \$950k. Our share of the project would be (\$190k). Please note as this project generates revenues, all funds should come back to the Municipality via the generation of electricity. The return on investment has not been calculated.
2. Roof Painting - \$150k (\$30k) with specialized roof paint or sprayed with Poly-urea at a cost of \$500k (\$100k)
3. Structure Painting - I did not get a cost.
4. Elevator - Markstay Elevation estimated the cost of a new installation to be at \$165,000. I would also recommend that an alternate entrance be created on the East side of the arena to allow for independent access to elevator/hall without opening the lobby. The new doors, outside roof, FOB and accessible hardware is estimated at \$30,000 including new hallway to the elevator. The downside is that the "Ref" room shower and toilet would be discontinued. Total \$195k (\$39k). To note the current



elevator has possibly a ten (10) year life span left, the technician advises that going forward, we should increase service cost by +/- \$2,500 per year.

5. Energy Upgrades – Three (3) new heat pumps for arena hall at a cost of \$2,700 x 3 = \$8,100 ***Please note that a natural gas furnace would not qualify / get us points because it does increase our carbon footprint, we will not get any points for leaving electric heating to go to natural gas. (\$16.2).
6. FOB for main doors \$19,681 and new doors (2x42” with hardware) \$16,400 accessible washroom upgrades \$10,475 (+/- \$12k)
7. Alternate door to family washroom for daily access \$10,500 (\$2.1k)
8. Door Seals \$4,000, new toilets (10x) \$14,800 + HST and shower \$13,475 + HST (\$9k)
9. Not included in this grant is any renovations to the hall or any new programs or activity at the arena, the elevator can still be applied for, but it may be difficult to justify for recreational purposes, could deter from a successful application.

Please note: Not all quotes have been updated, some costing is from 2020 & 2023, I would request that Council add +/- 20% to the approved maximum grant application. If successful, all new quotes would be required.

Analysis & Background:

As noted, the arena is the only building that this grant may apply to, supporting community demand for recreation will score higher.

As noted, if we tie the application to a community need, it will get us more points (e.g. the front door with FOB and new door to accessible washroom will allow for daily access to a washroom for the new pickle ball court). This argument should score well, as for the elevator, the argument is weaker because of the infrequent use, to note, religious services would not count as recreational activity but considering running programs out of the arena kitchen / hall like the meal program, Univi programs, foodbank, youth drop-in center or even fitness center would require some to significant change in use of the facility, but would make the application easier to approve.

Our upcoming Strategic Plan will not be in time to determine the “need” of the community in time for this application. We have this beautiful space that is going underutilised, consideration should be given to find how this space would better benefit the community as a whole.



Attachments:

- Nil.

Prepared By: Denis Turcot, CAO