

Report to Municipal Council



Meeting Date: October 16, 2024	Report Date: October 8, 2024
Reason Before Council: Policy Direction / Approval	Priority: Normal
Department: General Government	Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Report Title: Ontario Sport Recreation Grant

Recommended Resolution:

That Council direct staff on the preferred project (if any) to apply for under the Community Sport and Recreation Fund

Options:

1. New Playground – The range for a new playground is estimated between \$250k to \$300k. We have received estimates when we last applied for the Trillium Grant. Our cost would be +/- \$150k. Please note that repairs are needed to the current structure, and it is near its end of life. The Director of Operations is looking into repair costs.

As grants are never guaranteed, we could apply in the event the other grant application is not successful. The downside is that 50% of the cost of the project would have to come from municipal funds or possibly some top up by a federal grant to an acceptable ratio or other private grant / fund.

2. Arena Roof – As time goes by, this issue will become increasing important to address. The estimate as prepared for the other grant is +/- \$400k. Our cost would be +/- \$200k
3. Elevator – At \$160k to open access up to the top floor of the arena.

I would suggest applying at a minimum for the roof or elevator and explore for additional funding and review the feasibility of the project prior to accepting the funding (if successful) though it is not necessarily ok to turn down any type of funding. Any scenario where the roof of the arena is refurbished, adds value and useful life to the building.



Analysis & Background:

There is currently a grant open for application under Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. ET. We have most of the required information for the application.

We would be eligible for up to 50% funding. The application must be between \$150,000 to \$1 million. Please note that the province does not allow stacking with other provincial grants (e.g., Trillium Fund) and has a limit on stacking with the Federal government (e.g., if successful with the current federal grant of 80-20 funding mix).

Examples of eligible projects include:

- critical facility repairs (for example, repairing roofs, fixing structural defects)
- installing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- resurfacing playing fields
- installing new arena boards and glass
- pool repairs
- expanding/retrofitting change rooms to accommodate programming
- replacing playground equipment for safety or accessibility

The Ministry will then review and assess all eligible applications against the following criteria:

- community need
- community support
- economic impact
- addressing a gap in services
- operating/financial capacity
- value for money

Additional information can be found at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/community-sport-and-recreation-infrastructure-fund/stream-1-repair-and-rehabilitation#section-2>

Attachments:

- Nil.

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