



TOWN OF
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REPORT

TO: Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

FROM: Warren Harris, Commissioner of Recreation and Parks

DATE: September 6, 2021

REPORT NO.: RP-2021-0022

SUBJECT: Community Building Fund Application – Acton Arena and Community Centre

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. RP-2021-0022 regarding the Community Building Fund Application – Acton Arena and Community Centre dated September 6, 2021, be received for information;

AND FURTHER THAT Council support the submission of select Acton Arena and Community Centre capital projects as outlined in Report No. RP-2021-0022 to the Community Building Fund for consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all documentation related to the Community Building Fund application per Report No. RP-2021-0022.

KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- A funding opportunity for municipalities is available through the Community Building Fund – Capital Stream;
- Staff have reviewed the program criteria and recommend submitting an application for various capital projects at Acton Arena and Community Centre;
- If successful, the funding would substantially offset the need to use capital reserves to finance the air ventilation projects which align with the low carbon design brief implementation objectives of the Town.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The Ontario Trillium Foundation's Community Building Fund – Capital Stream provides support for non-profits, indigenous communities and municipalities in the community sport and recreation sectors. The intent of the fund is to help strengthen communities by supporting the repair, renovation or retrofitting of existing sport and recreation facilities to address:

- local community need by extending the life and maximizing the use of existing facilities (e.g. playgrounds, splashpads, etc.) **OR**
- COVID-19 related public health requirements now that support future preparedness

Municipalities with a population of over 20,000 can apply for up to 80% of a total project cost to a maximum of \$500,000. The program allows for multiple capital projects at one facility to be submitted under one project proposal.

The program scoring criteria focuses on community significance, supporting diverse and underrepresented communities, details on how the repair and revitalization will be carried out, and the overall project delivery process. Projects are to be completed one year from the date of the approval of the application.

Based on an initial review of the program criteria and eligibility criteria, staff are recommending that an application to the program be made for capital improvements to the Acton Arena and Community Centre. The proposed 2022-3 Capital Budget includes funding for the low carbon implementation, as well as various capital projects that would provide facility upgrades to heating, ventilation and control systems that align with the corporate energy plan: return air units (RTU), HVAC units, make up air units (MUA) and building automation systems (BAS). This funding would align with the application being made to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) for the low carbon implementation project as outlined in Report ADMIN-2021-0040 on this Council agenda.

The upgrades to the Acton Arena and Community Centre should align with the objectives of the Community Building Fund criteria given:

- The number of people of various ages using the facility
- The community centre's role in contributing to the health, wellness and economic wellbeing of the Town;
- The centre's role in providing supportive community programming (E.g. Hillsvie Active Living Centre);
- The Town's ability to clearly articulate an asset management and procurement rationale and clear outcomes resulting from the capital improvements.

Staff are seeking approval to submit an application to the funding program before the September 29, 2021 deadline.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report aligns to the Town's Strategic plan recognizing the value to foster a healthy community that provides a clean environment and range of economic and social opportunities to ensure a superior quality of life in our community.

This report also identifies climate change and the environment as one of the Town's Strategic priorities.

RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:

This report impacts and/or helps address climate change and the Town's Net Zero target through corporate energy savings.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Public Engagement was not needed as this report is administrative in nature.

INTERNAL CONSULTATION:

Staff from the Finance Department and the CAO's Office were consulted during the preparation of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This report is administrative in nature and does not have any financial implications.

The Acton Arena and Community Center projects have been identified in the approved 2021 capital budget forecast. The cost and the timing have been further revised through the 2022 budget process and the draft 2022 capital budget forecast includes the following projects, totaling \$368,700 between 2022 and 2023:

- 8211-06-2101 Lobby Air Conditioning - \$38,700 in 2022
- 8211-02-2203 Return Air Unit - \$40,000 in 2023
- 8211-02-1706 HVAC Unit - \$50,000 in 2023
- 8211-02-2202 Make Up Air Unit - \$240,000 in 2023

If successful, the Town would receive a total of \$294,960 in OTF funding for these projects, which will reduce the Capital reserve financing to a residual of \$73,740. Furthermore, these projects will need to be completed in 2022, in order to meet the OFT project timeline criteria.

Reviewed and approved by,

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Chris Mills, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

