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Report No: CMS-08-2024

Subject: Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund Endorsement

Recommendation:

THAT Report CMS-08-2024 Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) Endorsement be received;

AND THAT Council endorses staff to proceed with an application to the Province of Ontario's CSRIF to support the renovation of the Ilderton Arena.

Purpose:

To seek Council's endorsement to proceed with an application to the Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund seeking grant funds to support the renovations at the Ilderton Arena.

Background:

On April 18, 2024, the Province of Ontario announced their \$200 million investment over three years to support communities across the province with new and revitalized local sport and recreation facilities as part of their 2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario. Funding is to be delivered through two streams:

- Repairing and upgrading existing sport and recreation facilities into more accessible, state-of-the-art facilities that better suit the community's needs.
- Building new and transformative sport and recreation facilities, including replacing existing facilities that have reached the end of their lifespan and are beyond repair.

As Council has pre-approved the Ilderton Arena renovation project, staff will be applying for Stream 1 (Repair & Rehabilitation).

Analysis:

The overall Ilderton Arena project is broken down into the following four categories:

Category 1 – Upgrades to the Refrigeration Plant & Electrical

The proposed retrofit calls for upgrades to the refrigeration plant to achieve significant utility reductions while also accounting for the recovery of waste heat to further provide free heating to both domestic hot water and public spaces. The heat recovery would lessen the load on the cooling tower while heating the dressing rooms and lobby area. Upgrading the refrigeration plant and its equipment will prolong the life of the facility and ensure ice operations can be maintained efficiently and effectively for the next 10-12 years while also remaining legislatively compliant with the Technical Standards & Safety Authority (TSSA). The construction of a vestibule outside of the refrigeration plant room will need to be constructed as part of the TSSA compliance. Many of the existing electrical services are original to the building and are recommended to be replaced.

Category 2 – Improved Player Safety

To improve safety within the Ilderton Arena, the proposed retrofit calls for replacing the existing dasher board and glass system with new. The new rink board/glass system will have taller rink glass that will enhance the environmental friendliness and safety of the ice surface for spectators and participants. Currently the rink boards are over 30 years old and are built with a steel frame and plywood covering, with no give or flexibility when participants run into the boards. The new rink boards will be an aluminum framed system with high density plastic covering. This type of rink board system will allow for some 'give' when participants hit the boards. Taller shielding (rink glass) will also be installed to provide additional safety to participants by keeping pucks within the playing area of the rink. In conjunction with spectator netting this will ensure that all spectators are safe from pucks that may leave the playing surface.

Category 3 – Upgrade Spectator Area

The proposed retrofit will also focus on improvements to the spectator area of the facility. Work to include the installation of radiant tube heaters along the entire bleacher length, upgraded spectator benches, beam painting, extension of the 'Low Emissivity Ceiling,' installation of bleacher railings and a full rink paint refresh.

Category 4 – Renovated Lobby, Dressing Rooms, and Improved Accessibility

The proposed retrofit calls for some significant upgrades to better accessibility for all users of the facility. The following enhancements are identified to be made:

- Renovations to the lobby and viewing area;
- New entrance/vestibule with sliding doors;
- New universal washroom;

- New men’s and ladies’ washrooms with accessible enhancements installed in each washroom; and
- Renovation to existing dressing rooms

For the purposes of the (CSRIF), the grant application will apply to Categories 1, 2 & 4 as Category 3 was completed in the summer of 2024.

Financial Implications:

For the grant application, the following categories have been identified in the application as eligible costs.

Category 1 – Upgrades to Refrigeration Plant & Electrical	\$1,300,000
Category 2 – Improved Player Safety	\$385,200
Category 4 – Renovated Lobby, Dressing Rooms & Accessibility	\$2,000,000
Ontario Build Signage	\$500
Total eligible costs	\$3,685,700

CSRIF – Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation funding can be between \$150,000 to a maximum of \$1,000,000.

However, the province may consider a provincial contribution of up to 70% of total eligible project costs for projects submitted by Municipalities with a population of less than 20,000. Staff will be completing the required ‘Request for Special Consideration Form’ with the completed application.

Therefore, the requested funding amount from the province is **\$2,579,990.**

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Responsive Municipal Government
- Sustainable Infrastructure and Services

Attachments:

N/A