

Report to Council

Report Title:	Ontario Trillium Foundation Community Building Fund Capital Stream Grant Application		
Prepared By:	Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services		
Department:	Recreation		
Date:	November 23, 2021		
Report Number:	REC2021-22	File Number:	C11REC, F110T
Attachments:	OTF Grant Application: Municipality of Brockton (CC117793)		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number REC2021-22 – Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Stream Grant Application, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services and in doing so confirms and ratifies the Application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation Community Building Fund Capital Stream for resurfacing of the Walkerton Tennis Courts and 5 Community Playgrounds.

Report:

Background:

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Community Building Fund – Capital stream provides support for non-profits, Indigenous communities and Municipalities in the community sport and recreation sectors. The fund will 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.

Organizations can apply for up to 100% of their total project cost up to a maximum of \$500,000, with the exception of Municipalities with a population over 20,000 that can only apply for up to 80% of their total project cost. Eligible project costs will be supported up to a maximum of \$500,000. Minimum request amount is \$10,000.

Limit of one application per organization, however:

- organizations can request multiple capital improvements within one facility e.g., touchless entry and widening of doorways at local community centre; or
- organizations can request the same capital improvements at multiple facilities e.g., HVAC retrofits at 3 municipal arenas.

Municipal staff continually seek and review available grants to support capital projects with a view to making improvements for residents in the most affordable manner possible. The impending OTF Capital stream was identified in early 2021 for potential application for the tennis courts, however only became available September 1st and closed September 29th. Staff were unable to get a report to Council at the time.

Upon learning the funding criteria and project eligibility, staff proceeded with drafting and submitting a funding application to support the resurfacing of the Walkerton Tennis Courts including converting 1 of 3 courts into 2-3 pickleball courts (\$173,000) and 5 Community Playgrounds (\$93,000) to meet safety and accessibility priorities. A mandatory program requirement for signage (\$10,000) as determined by OTF is also part of the application total estimated cost of \$276,700.

Analysis:

Staff proceeded with the Grant for the Walkerton Tennis Courts and 5 Community Playgrounds play surface improvements for the following reasons:

- The proposed upgrades are needed to provide safe/usable/accessible play surfaces and meet CSA standards;
- The proposed projects align with the criteria of the grant program;
- Frequency of use and maintenance of these existing community recreation facilities;
- The opportunity for 100% funding vs. impact to budget if the cost were to be tax-rated funded.
- The Municipality of Brockton would still be required to approve the project if funding were awarded. If successful, staff will begin planning and tendering in early 2022.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

This project has been requested by residents since 2020 and is proposed in the 2022 draft budget as recommended by asset management to be funded 100% by the grant at \$276,700.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer