

Report to Council

Report Title: Hydro One Energizing Life Community Fund Application

Prepared By: Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

Department: Recreation

Date: December 14, 2021

Report Number: REC2021-25 **File Number:** C11REC, F11

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number REC2021-25 – Hydro One Energizing Life Community Fund Application, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services and in doing so confirms and ratifies the application to the Hydro One Energizing Life Community Fund for funding support of The Market Garden Park development project.

Report:

Background:

Hydro One's Energizing Life Community Fund 2022 launched on November 25, 2021 is committed to supporting Ontario organizations and communities by funding projects that focus on the physical, psychological and emotional safety of Ontarians. By supporting organizations who energize life for so many, we are able to build safer and more resilient communities.

Applications are now open for organizations and municipalities to apply and share how they're focused on safety to address pressing needs in their local community. Selected recipients will receive a grant of \$25,000.

As such, staff proceeded with applying online for funding support of The Market Garden Park development project. Notice to successful applicants is anticipated in February 2022. A read only copy of the application can be viewed at <https://forms.benevity.org/1de8ee13-776b-44dd-b4e1-756598731677/summary?lang=en-us>

Analysis:

Staff proceeded with an online application requesting \$25,000 in funding support for The Market Garden Park development project for the following reasons:

- The conceptual design for The Market Garden Park development project has been approved by Council;
- The project aligns with the criteria of the grant program;
- The project is ready for construction and completion in 2022 upon securing 100% funding;

- The need to secure additional 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

The project is proposed in the 2022 draft budget at \$239,000. Council contributed \$50,000 via the 2021 budget. Approximately \$136,000 has been secured/raised through grants/donations to date. Balance to be achieved via additional grants, ongoing donations or further contribution by Council.

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