

Report to Council

Report Title:	New Horizons for Seniors Program Grant Application – Cargill Lawn Bowling Club Equipment		
Prepared By:	Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services		
Department:	Recreation		
Date:	December 14, 2021		
Report Number:	REC2021-26	File Number:	C11REC, F11, L01CA
Attachments:	December 11, 2021 Letter to Council		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number REC2021-26 – New Horizons for Seniors Program Grant Application – Cargill Lawn Bowling Club Equipment, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services and in doing so approves staff applying to the New Horizons for Seniors Program for funding support of the Cargill Lawn Bowling Club equipment replacement;

And Further that the agreement with the Cargill Lawn Bowling Club be amended and brought back to Council at a future meeting, to reflect the change in operations where municipal staff will perform greens maintenance as supported by a contribution from the Club in the amount of \$2,500 .00 annually;

And Further that rental fees be waived for the use of the community centre hall for club meetings and fundraising events.

Report:

Background:

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) is a federal grants and contributions program. It provides funding for projects that make a difference in the lives of seniors and in their communities.

Program objectives:

Projects for regular grants (up to \$25,000) must meet at least 1 of the following program objectives:

- promoting volunteerism among seniors and other generations
- engaging seniors in the community through the mentoring of others
- expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse
- supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors
- providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and programs for seniors

Proposed projects requesting capital assistance must meet 2 program objectives. **Applications are due December 21, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern time.**

At its April 27, 2021 Council meeting, Council received and approved report number REC2021-09– Cargill Lawn Bowling Club Agreement and entered in agreement via the adoption of By-law 2021-055 via the following resolution.

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2021-09– Cargill Lawn Bowling Club Agreement, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services doing so approves bringing forward a By-law for the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton to enter into agreement with the Cargill Lawn Bowling Club for the purposes of operating lawn bowling greens facility as a municipal facility for the use of the public; And Further that Council approves staff providing maintenance and repair services to the lawn bowling greens at the Cargill Community Centre for the balance of 2021 within the budget resources of the approved CDCF budget.

The Club and it's 27 members are working towards sustaining its future and are seeking the continued support of the municipality (see attached email letter). A condition assessment of existing lawn bowling greens maintenance equipment by the Club and staff this past summer has determined the equipment to be generally aged and in poor condition with some pieces at end of life or where parts can no longer be obtained. As well some smaller power equipment was stolen (reported to OPP) in a break-in of the Club's onsite storage shed.

As such, the NHSP potentially serves as a grant opportunity to fund the replacement of equipment and continue to support the Cargill Lawn Bowling Club as its recovers from the impacts COVID-19 pandemic.

Analysis:

Staff recommends that Council approve:

- 1) That municipal staff continue with performing greens maintenance on behalf of the Club;
- 2) That the agreement with the Cargill Lawn Bowling Club be amended and brought back to Council at a future meeting, to reflect the change in operations where municipal staff will perform greens maintenance as supported by a contribution from the Club in the amount of \$2,500 .00 annually;
- 3) And Further that rental fees be waived for the use of the community centre hall for club meetings and fundraising events; and
- 4) That staff be authorized to proceed with an online application requesting up to \$25,000 in funding support for the purchase of the following equipment:
 - Greens Thatcher
 - Greens Reel Mower
 - Walk behind aerator - hollow core/slice tines
 - Lawn tractor
 - Thatch/leaf sweeper
 - Lawn roller

Reasoning that supports the recommendation:

- The project aligns with the following two program objectives of the NHSP - supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors and providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and programs for seniors.
- The municipality is supportive of the continuation of the Cargill Lawn Bowling Club activities at the Cargill Community Centre.
- The Cargill Lawn Bowling Club is committed to supporting the annual maintenance costs of the greens.
- The purchase of new greens maintenance equipment will help sustain the Club and provide for specialized equipment for the proper and improved maintenance of the greens on site of the Cargill Community Centre.
- The Municipality of Brockton would still be required to approve the project if funding were awarded. If successful, staff will proceed per the procurement policy with purchasing the greens maintenance equipment in the spring of 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

New equipment supports asset management, minimizing operating expenses while achieving turf standards for lawn bowling greens.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

Reviewed By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sonya Watson", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer