

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** Rehabilitation of Walkerton Tennis Courts

**Prepared By:** Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

**Department:** Parks and Recreation

**Date:** February 7, 2023

**Report Number:** REC2023-05                      **File Number:** C11REC, F11

**Attachments:**

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### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-05 – Rehabilitation of Walkerton Tennis Courts, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services as information; and further that Council directs staff to proceed to with Option \_\_\_\_.

### Report:

#### Background:

During the January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Draft Budget presentation to Council and deliberations with staff, a couple of different thoughts were communicated around the table as to how to move forward with starting and funding the rehabilitation of the Walkerton Tennis Courts at its existing location.

The condition of the courts may require closure at some point in the near future to protect player safety and reduce risk to potential liability, therefore resulting in the loss of an important outdoor recreation amenity at Centennial Park to residents and high school students within the community.

Pickleball courts are also available to the community indoors at the Cargill Community Centre (November through April) and the Walkerton Community Centre (June through mid-August).

The project is estimated to be \$214,000 inclusive of new a base; surface coating, line painting, and new nets in the provision of 2 pickleball courts and 2 tennis courts; and conversion of lighting to LED.

Also discussed will be the need to obtain updated quotes to submit with grant funding applications and consideration of implementing user fees for the future tennis/pickle ball court facility to help offset capital maintenance going forward. A \$3.00 nominal fee is currently charged for pickleball indoors at the Community Centres.

**Analysis:**

The following options and implications are summarized for Council’s information and consideration:

**Option A:** That the Municipality apply again to the next intake of the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) - Capital Stream - deadline June 14, 2023, Funding decision to be received around November 2023. If approved, construction would not start until spring 2024. Maximum funding award of \$150,000.00. Other grants and municipal contribution would still be needed and we recommend using the proceeds from the Armoury sale. We will continue to also seek out other grant funding opportunities related to the courts.

**Option B:** Use the proceeds from the Armoury to fund the project in full and proceed with tendering upon adoption of the 2023 Budget. Construction and completion could occur in summer of 2023. The OTF Capital Stream grant opportunity could be considered for another capital project coming up in 2024.

**Option C:** That the Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee approach the community tennis/pickleball players group about forming a Club and working with Staff and Committee on developing fundraising goals and review possible grant applications. Timeline for starting and completing the project would depend on the progress and success of these joint actions.

Staff seek Council’s direction on the preferred option related to the funding and associated timing of improvements related to this important community asset.

**Strategic Action Plan Checklist:**

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

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision                       | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community              | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life                               | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development                          | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance                          | N/A |

**Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

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

Staff will be seeking updated quotations on the rehabilitation of the tennis courts. Each option above has various factors but allows the project to continue without impacting the tax rate or incurring additional long-term borrowing

**Reviewed By:**



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer