

## Report to Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	New Horizons Seniors Program Grant Approval – Walkerton Lawn Bowling Equipment		
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services		
<b>Department:</b>	Parks and Recreation		
<b>Date:</b>	March 7, 2023		
<b>Report Number:</b>	REC2023-09	<b>File Number:</b>	C11REC, F11
<b>Attachments:</b>	Agreement – Walkerton Lawn Bowling Equipment		

### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number REC2023-09 – New Horizons Seniors Program Grant Approval – Walkerton Lawn Bowling Equipment, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services and in doing so authorizes a By-Law coming forward entering into an agreement for funding in the amount \$1,542.00 in support of the purchase of equipment for the Walkerton Lawn Bowling facility.

### Report:

#### Background:

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) is a federal grant that supports community-based projects that are designed by seniors for seniors. This program funds projects that empower seniors in their communities and contribute to improving their health and well-being. Eligible organizations can apply for up to \$25,000 for projects that are led by seniors and are volunteer based.

#### Program objectives

Projects submitted for this grant (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/or programs for seniors

Project requesting capital assistance, must meet at least 2 program objectives that are led by seniors and are volunteer based.

For the November 1, 2022 intake of the NHSP program, staff submitted an application in the amount of \$17,124.00 for the purchase of a new Storage Shed, Riding Lawn Mower, Lift Table, Workbench and Storage Shelving in support of the Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club. The Club had obtained quotations for the equipment and reached out to staff seeking assistance with submitting the application.

Notice of approval was received February 20, 2023 for a reduced amount of funding to support only the purchase of a Lift Table and Workbench in the amount \$1,542.00.

Staff recommends that Council accepts and authorizes staff to enter into the attached funding agreement.

**Analysis:**

This grant approval and equipment purchase will help the Club and its volunteers more safely sustain facilities and programming at the Walkerton Lawn Bowling greens. This grant will help foster healthy active living, reduce social isolation and support inclusion. Staff recommend that Council accepts the grant and authorizes staff to enter into an agreement. Staff will continue to work with the club on alternate grant funding as it becomes available.

**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 | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development                          | N/A |
| • 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

The approved grant provides 100% funding of the purchase of the noted equipment.

**Reviewed By:**



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

**Reviewed By:**

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer