

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** OTF Grant Application – Ball Diamond Light Replacement 2024

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**Department:** Recreation

**Date:** May 9, 2023

**Report Number:** REC2023-16 **File Number:** C11REC, F11

### Attachments:

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### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-16 – OTF Grant Application – Ball Diamond Light Replacement 2024, prepared by Trish Serratore, CFO/Acting Director of Community Services and Brad Thomson Acting Community Services Supervisor and in doing so approves staff proceeding with an application to Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) for the conversion of the 3 Walkerton Ball Diamond Lighten to LED.

### Report:

#### Background:

The Walkerton Ball Diamond lights are 25+ years old, they are at the end of their life cycle and require replacement.

In the summer of 2022 staff had an electrical contractor repair and assess the lights on the Walkerton ball diamonds. It was determined by the contractor that the lights needed to be replaced as they are deteriorated and parts are no longer available, the bottom of the light casings have started to rot and the sockets themselves are beginning to fail.

There are currently 32, 1,500-watt metal halide lights that use a significant amount of electricity when lit. Switching to new 750-watt LED lights is expected to reduce operating costs by \$1,734.00 yearly.

In 2022 staff had received pricing for this project, the estimate came in at \$232,067.10 to bring the level of lighting up to Class 4 lighting on all 3 ball diamonds. Class 4 lighting has been recommended for proper baseball lighting as we do not have light standards directly in the outfields.

## **Analysis:**

The Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant opens up for applications on May 17, 2023 and the deadline for submission is June 14, 2023. Maximum funding for this application is \$150,000. The OTF Capital Stream supports projects that:

- Improve access to community spaces, facilities, programs, activities and services, and facilitate community members' full participation in the life of the community
- Improve and build community spaces
- Make programs and services better and more efficient
- Make better use of technology

Staff have been reviewing the possible capital projects with would fit the scope of the grant. There were five recreation projects that staff proposed and brought forward to the Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee on April 19<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, the committee discussed each of the five proposed projects and voted in favour of staff proceeding with an OFT grant application for replacement of ball diamond lights. This project will meet the following OTF outcome:

- **Increase use of facility or space** by expanding functionality, square footage, participation rates and/or usable hours. (e.g., outdoor lighting, wall partitions, new changing room, added play area, new or expanded kitchen facilities)
- **Extend life of facility or space** through repairs, retrofits or renovations (e.g., roof, HVAC, seating, windows, doors, electrical upgrades)

Staff are seeking council's approval to proceed with the application to convert three Walkerton Ball Diamond lighting to LED.

## **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                          | Yes |

## **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

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

The conversion of the Walkerton Ball Diamond lights to LED is not included in the 2023 budget, however if successful, staff would include in the 2024 Budget.

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



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**Reviewed By:**



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer