

Report to Council

Report Title: Enabling Accessibility Fund Grant Approval – Phase II Optimist Park Playground

Prepared By: Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Department: Finance

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Attachments: N/A

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2023-33 – Enabling Accessibility Fund Grant Approval – Phase II Optimist Park Playground, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer and in doing so authorizes a By-Law coming forward when available to enter into an agreement with Employment and Social Development Canada, and further and further authorizes the Clerk and Treasurer to execute the agreement for the funds.

Report:

Background:

On November 1, 2022 Report REC2022-21 Enabling Accessibility Fund Grant Application – Phase II Optimist Park Playground was presented to Council. The submission of an application to the 2022 Small Projects Component – Enabling Accessibility Fund for accessible playground equipment in support of Phase II of the Optimist Park Accessible Playground.

Analysis:

Staff received notification that we were successful on the 2022 Small Projects Component application. The application request was for \$90,000 grant funding to assist with the \$114,300 total project cost. Staff obtained quotes from ABC Recreation for the supply and installation of an accessible swing and we-go-round equipment. Brockton has been approved for \$80,900 grant funding. The project start date must be after December 4, 2023 and completed before December 3, 2025.

Once staff receive the agreement from EAF; all the forms must be completed and returned within five business days. At this time staff have not received the agreement, however due to the quick turn around time staff are requesting authorization to enter into the agreement to ensure we meet the timelines with a by-law to come forward once we have received all of the information.

Upon Council's approval to enter into a funding agreement for the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF), staff will work with the Walkerton and District Optimist Club on final accessible equipment and staff would follow the Purchasing and Procurement Policy in initiating a formal quotation/tender process and provide project management support to the Optimist Club. This project was included in the 2023 capital budget and will be carry forwarded to the 2024 budget for completion.

This is great news for completion of this community project.

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 Municipality currently has \$62,388 from the Walkerton Optimist and District fundraising. These funds will help fund the 20% cash contribution. The project was included in the 2023 budget and will be carry forward to 2024.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer