

## Report to Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	Walkerton Football Club Financial Request		
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)		
<b>Department:</b>	Finance		
<b>Date:</b>	February 6, 2024		
<b>Report Number:</b>	FIN2024-04	<b>File Number:</b>	C11FIN
<b>Attachments:</b>	Walkerton Football Club Letter for Contribution for Nets		

### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2024-04 - Walkerton Football Club Financial Request, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and in doing so directs staff to include the purchase of the nets as a capital project in the 2024 Municipal Budget.

### Report:

#### Background:

On Friday, January 19, 2024 following the Special (Budget) Council Meeting, staff received a request from the Walkerton Football Club relating to new soccer nets.

The Municipality of Brockton currently owns the nets used by the Walkerton Football Club when they rent the fields. These soccer nets are also used by school groups and other renters when the fields are used.

The Walkerton Football Club has requested that Brockton purchase additional soccer nets to align with the use of the fields to allow for growing enrollment and to support tournament use. Currently, the Walkerton Football Club has capped its enrollment as the nets would be needed to allow for more teams.

In addition, the size of the nets that Brockton currently own are undersized for some of the age groups, which limits the potential for tournaments at the Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park.

The Walkerton Football Club is requesting that Brockton purchase additional nets for a cost of approximately \$9,000.00 and will correspondingly provide a contribution of \$5,000 towards Brockton.

#### Analysis:

The Municipality of Brockton has consistently invested in the Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park as a key recreational amenity across the region, including the construction of the new washroom facility and

concession stand and the relocation of the parking lot. There is a strategic advantage to supporting and attracting larger tournaments at the facility as a source of revenue for the concession stand and to attract visitors to Brockton's thriving East Ridge area and beautiful downtown core.

Staff recommend purchasing the additional nets to expand on the service being provided and to leverage the related economic development benefits. If approved, the purchase of the soccer nets would proceed as a capital project to be included in the 2024 Municipal Budget.

### Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

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

- 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

The funding request is not currently included in the draft budget as the request was received after the Special (Budget) Council meeting, but staff recommend proceeding with the purchase of the nets. The overall impact on the tax rate is 0.03%

### Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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### Respectfully Submitted by:



Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)

### Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer