

Report to Council

Report Title:	Walkerton Community Centre Accessibility Ramp		
Prepared By:	Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)		
Department:	Recreation		
Date:	December 17, 2025		
Report Number:	REC2025-25	File Number:	C11CL, R05
Attachments:	Capital Justification Form Budget Amendment Form		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number REC2025-25 – Walkerton Community Centre Accessibility Ramp, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and in doing so approves amending the Budget as presented on December 17, 2025 to authorize the accessibility ramp for the Walkerton Community Centre to be funded from the Accessibility Reserve Fund.

Report:

Background:

The purpose of this report is to propose a project for inclusion in the 2026 Municipal Budget that was not originally included because staff received material information and pricing details after the 2026 Municipal Budget had been finalized and presented to Mayor Peabody.

The proposal is to build an accessible ramp on the west side of the Walkerton Community Centre on the second floor to connect the auditorium to the Optimist Accessible Playground. These doors were already slated for replacement, and by adding push buttons and a ramp, it will create a key linkage and allow for greater use and access to the auditorium at the Walkerton Community Centre. It is anticipated that the project will cost \$32,000.00.

Previously, the Municipality of Brockton had applied for a grant to replace and redesign the aging lift for this facility, but unfortunately that grant application was not successful. Since that time, the lift has continued to deteriorate due to age and is beginning to separate from the building. While there are no immediate safety concerns, the lift is being routinely monitored by the lift company and a qualified engineer, there may come a time when Brockton will need to take the lift out of service. By adding an accessible ramp that will connect to the sidewalk adjacent to the playground, Brockton will ensure that there is still an accessible entrance to the auditorium if/when the lift is out of service. The proposed ramp would be funded from the accessibility reserve fund and/or any grants or donations that staff can secure.

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 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 project is expected to cost \$32,000.00 and there is over \$75,000 in the Accessibility Reserve Fund.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



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

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer