

Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

Report to Council

Report Title: Brockton's Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park Washrooms

Prepared By: Fiona Hamilton, Clerk

Department: Parks and Recreation

Date: October 15, 2019

Report Number: REC2019-24 **File Number:** C11REC, R05SO, F11

Attachments: Concept Plans for Washroom Facility

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number REC2019-24 – Brockton's Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park Washrooms, prepared by Fiona Hamilton, Clerk and in doing so approves applying for the ICIP Community, Culture and Recreation grant for the purpose of constructing a washroom and concession facility at the Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park.

Report:

Background:

At the meeting on September 24, 2019, Council considered the "Investing in Canada's Infrastructure Program", Community, Culture and Recreation grant that were recently announced. The grant is only available for projects that are included in the municipalities' asset management program. As a result, it was noted that the project must be fairly well defined to be competitive when applying for the grant.

Council identified one project that may fit within the parameters of the grant. Originally, the plans for the Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park included a building for washrooms, storage and maintenance, and a concession stand. At the time, the building was prohibitively expensive such that it was not included in the project. However, the plans for the building were nearly complete and could likely be updated for a reasonable cost. Council directed staff to bring forward a reporting analysing whether the washroom building at the Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park could be used to apply for the ICIP Community, Culture and Recreation Grant.

Analysis:

There are a number of reasons why the washroom building at the Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park would be an excellent use of the funding stream:

- The plans are already prepared and the Municipality of Brockton would not need to incur significant planning costs;
- Constructing a new building would bring positive momentum to the Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park and assist in fundraising efforts;
- The Municipality of Brockton may see increased revenue as the venue may attract more tournaments;
- The building may assist in the overall development of the East Ridge Business Park;
- Greater accessibility as there are currently only portable facilities available;
- Opportunity to incorporate environmentally sustainable features;
- The Municipality of Brockton is rapidly growing and there will be an increased need for recreational facilities;
- There are no other similar facilities in the area and there is the opportunity to turn the Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park into the showcase it as intended to be (particularly once the drainage issues have been completely rectified).

For these reasons, staff recommend applying for the ICIP Community, Culture and Recreation grant for the purpose of building the washroom facility at the Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park.

Sustainability Checklist:

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

| • | Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
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| • | Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | Yes |
| • | Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | Yes |
| • | Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | Yes |
| • | Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

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

Reviewed By:

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Fiona Hamilton, Clerk

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