



RECREATION REPORT

To: Council

Meeting Date: October 22, 2024

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Director of Recreation

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Subject: Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund Grant

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Township of Wellesley authorize staff to apply for Provincial funding under the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund for the renovation of the lobby, washrooms and dressing rooms in the St. Clements arena.

Summary:

The CSRIF is a provincial fund that provides funding for “repair or upgrade to existing sport and recreation facilities.” Staff have identified the St. Clements arena dressing rooms, washrooms and lobby a viable project to apply for to increase accessibility in those areas.

The grant provides 50% funding of up to \$1,000,000. All approved projects must be completed in 24 months of approval.

This approval is for applying for the grant, and not approving the project.

Report:

The (CSRIF) stream 1 allows municipalities to apply for funding for a “repair or upgrade to existing sport and recreation facilities”. The funding available per project is between \$150,000 to \$1,000,000 with the municipality funding 50% and the grant funding 50%.

The St. Clements Area has been identified as a project by staff to apply for funding for. The grant funding would allow for improved accessibility to the dressing rooms and washrooms of the facility.

The St. Clements arena does meet current accessibility requirements by having accessible washroom facilities available in the upper community centre which is available by elevator when the building is open to the public but does not meet recommended accessibility standards. The improvements this grant could provide would greatly improve the accessibility of the lower lobby, dressing rooms and washrooms. This would be a significant improvement for the users of the facility for both accessibility and a refresh of the space.

Staff are working with an engineering firm to develop schematic drawings to submit with the grant application. Cost estimates would be submitted as well.

The next steps if the grant is received would be as described below.

- Staff will get notice from the province if our application is approved or declined.
- If approved, staff will make Council aware and seek Council approval to move to the next steps of design and tender documents.
- Once tender documents are received back, Council would then make the decision on whether to move forward with this project.

By applying for this grant Council is not approving the project.

Township Strategic Plan:

For both short and long-term insights on township use/engagement, we will establish mechanisms to monitor community use/uptake of recreation/community facilities and programs. This initiative will be coordinated with infrastructure improvement & management.

Financial Implications:

n/a

Other Department / Agency Comments:

n/a

Legal Considerations:

n/a

Attachment(s):

n/a

Approved By:

Chief Administrative Officer, Rik Louwagie