



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and Facilities
DATE: 22/08/2016
SUBJECT: Ontario 150 Community Capital Program Application
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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby direct staff to submit a grant application with a funding request in the amount of \$150,000 for the Ontario 150 Community Capital Program grant for the NHWCC Aquatic Centre repairs, with an estimated project value of \$463,000.00.

AND FURTHER THAT Council acknowledges that if the project is approved for the funding, the project would proceed during the required time frame of January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ontario 150 Community Capital Program is a one-time grant program that is administered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Staff have reviewed the grant program requirements and eligible projects, and recommend that the application be submitted to support the renovation of the NHWCC Aquatic Centre.

DISCUSSION

The Ontario 150 Community Capital Program:

For all the reasons below, staff are recommending this project for this fund because it meets all the criteria of the fund, making it a strong application.

The Ontario 150 Community Capital Program is a grant program that will strengthen communities by supporting the repair, renovation or retrofitting of existing infrastructure. This funding program will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its establishment as a province within Canada in 2017. The Ontario 150 Community Capital Program is administered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). Municipalities are eligible to submit one application for this fund.

Eligible Projects:

All supported projects must achieve a measured impact in their community. The project must align with one OTF Priority Outcome and one Grant Result. One of the Grant Results for The Ontario 150 Community Capital Program is that it will provide funding for capital projects that extend the life and maximize use of existing community facilities. This project fits that initiative. The funded project must also address one of the Ontario Trillium Foundation Priority Outcomes. This project fits the Outcome "Active People". The Foundation supports fostering more active lifestyles, and the renovation of the aquatic centre fits this requirement. For these reasons, staff believe this project is a good fit for the grant.

Available Funding:

The Township of North Huron is eligible for funding of up to 50% of the total project costs to a maximum of \$500,000. Based on the available funds for the total Province, staff recommend applying for a maximum of \$150,000 for the project, even though the project would be eligible for more funding.

Project Timing:

Application deadline is September 14, 2016. Applicants will be made aware of the grant request outcome in December 2016. Projects must be completed between January 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018. The project was tentatively scheduled to take place January 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018 if funding was available. If the funding is available, it is possible to move that schedule earlier for a project date of mid-August 2017 to mid-October 2017. Either project schedule is compliant with this grant project timing.

Inspections and conditions of the pool liner indicate that the renovation should be completed as soon as possible to avoid a liner failure.

NHWCC Aquatic Centre Renovation Project

During the 2016 budget presentations, staff summarized scope and need for this project. The estimated total project budget is \$463,000. This is the top end of anticipated expenses, and staff are reconfirming these numbers to submit with the grant application. \$20,000 will be spent in 2016 to have the project shovel ready by January 1, 2017. Only funds spent between January 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018 are eligible for the funding, so only an estimated \$443,000 of the project budget is eligible for funding expenses.

The repairs for the NHWCC Aquatic Centre include the following:

- Remove and replace the liner of the pool
- Install a filtration system to remove the metals in the water and prevent future staining in the pool.
- Install a UV filtration system for the pool to improve the environment (less corrosive)
- Prep (hydro-blast) and re-paint rusted areas of the aquatic centre which includes the ceiling beams
- Replace the HVAC support rings
- Mechanical and Electrical repairs

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Expenses:

Total project expense:	\$463,000
Consulting:	\$43,000
Water Filtration/UV Filter	\$60,000
Tank and facility repairs	\$360,000

Funding:

Reserves and 2016 budget	\$182,000
Ontario 150 Fund:	\$150,000

2017 and 2018 budgets

\$131,000

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Applying for and receiving the funding from the Ontario 150 Community Capital Program would go a long way in assisting the Township of North Huron in funding this important community recreation infrastructure project. There are other projects that need funding in the municipality, but based on the short turnaround time on this application, the stage of readiness to be shovel ready for the application, the timing of this project, and the project fit with the grant criteria, staff recommend applying for this fund for this project.

Staff will be reporting in September to Council on the information collected on the project from consulting, and the recommendations for next steps. This report is on track for the project and independent of the grant application.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Our community is healthy and safe.

Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.

Our community is attractive and welcoming to new businesses and residents.



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