

March 15, 2021

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Aaron Bisson, Manager of Recreation and Culture

**RE: Fort Frances Senior Centre Grant Application**

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In a report dated February 23, 2020 to Mayor and Council Re: Fort Frances Senior Centre Building Committee Recommendation 2020, a comprehensive review was undertaken to determine the best scenario for the Senior Centre moving forward. In that recommendation which was approved at the time, the Recreation and Culture Manager was to explore grant options available to facilitate the potential expansion of the current facility. A grant opportunity has arisen that the expansion of the Fort Frances Senior Centre qualifies for.

The expansion to the Senior Centre is not part of the 2021 approved capital budget. During the capital budget process there were no grant programs that fit this project. This grant if successful will cover 75% of eligible costs, leaving the Towns portion at \$155,375.00 for the project. If successful in the grant process the \$155,375.00 is expected to be the Towns portion and will likely be payable over 2021 and 2022 with the majority of the costs being incurred in 2022 based on the length of the project.

**Recommendation**

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor and Council to authorize the submission of the 2021 Community Enhancement Program – Rural Enhancement Stream for an expansion of the Fort Frances Senior Centre.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Aaron Bisson*

Aaron Bisson  
Manager of Recreation and Culture

<p><b>Council approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Community Services Executive Committee to submit the 2021 Community Enhancement Program – Rural Enhancement Stream for an expansion of the Fort Frances Senior Centre application as outlined in this report.</b></p>
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