

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Subject: Northern Ontario Heritage Fund - Community Enhancement Program Application - Legion Park Rehabilitation

Date: October 11, 2022

To: Mayor and Council

From: Travis Rob, Manager Operations & Facilities



ISSUE:

The Town of Fort Frances has submitted a stage one application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Community Enhancement Program - Rural Enhancement Fund for the Legion Park Rehabilitation including the development of a new splash pad in accordance with the Administration Report [AR-22-0019](#). The application was approved at stage one has reached stage two.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a separate resolution be passed by Council supporting the application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Rural Enhancement Fund for the Legion Park Rehabilitation.

FURTHER THAT The Council of the Town of Fort Frances Commits to funding the Lillie Avenue roadway reconstruction to support the park rehabilitation including the addition of traffic signals at the intersection of Lillie Avenue and Kings Highway.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Fort Frances agrees to cover any cost overages related to the project.

OPTIONS & ALTERNATIVES:

- Not support the application to NOHFC
- Remove/alter the scope of the application

HISTORY:

The Town of Fort Frances established a spray park advisory committee to oversee the creation of a splash park in Fort Frances on [May 9, 2022](#). The Council of the Town of Fort Frances approved the makeup of the committee, a location for the park, and the terms of reference for that committee. The committee has been working hard on plans to redevelop legion park and applying for funding.

ANALYSIS:

A stage one application was submitted to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation under their Community Enhancement program, Rural Enhancement Fund stream for \$499,000 in grant funding to support a full scale Legion Park rehabilitation project, a \$665,500 total investment. The Committee has committed to

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fundraising the remaining \$165,500.00 to see this project come to fruition and has also applied to Tbaytel for Good and were selected as a semifinalist in that funding program. The Town's application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund was successful at stage one and a stage two application is being completed. One of the pieces required for that application is a resolution by council outlining their support for the project and committing to cover cost overages in the event the project is successful in its funding applications.

The Town of Fort Frances has committed to reconstructing Lillie Avenue and installing traffic signals at the intersection of Lillie Avenue and Kings Highway to support the additional traffic and servicing needed at this type of park as their financial contribution to the project demonstrating their support for the greater project.

CONSULTATION:

N/A