

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

September 1, 2023

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Date: 09/01/2023 **Internal Memo #: 23-019(CRE)**

To: Council

Circulated to: Corporate Leadership Team

Department: Corporate Enterprise

Division: Corporate Strategy

From: Jenna Brown-Jowett, Director of Corporate Strategy

Subject: January – June 2023 Government Relations
Consultation Tracking & Grant/Funding Activity

Comments

Government Relations and Consultation Activity

The government relations consultation review process was developed in order to provide a centralized way to coordinate and track opportunities for the City to provide input into Federal and Provincial legislative, regulatory, and programming considerations. This process is governed by the Government Relations Consultation Tracking Policy (Policy Number A09 ADM 008).

From January 1 to June 30, 2023, a total of five (5) government relations activities took place (Appendix A).

- Three (3) consultation responses were submitted to the appropriate legislative body
- Zero (0) were advocacy-related submissions, and
- Two (2) were reviewed with no response provided

External Grant Application Tracking and Results

From January 1 to June 30, 2023, there were sixteen (16) grant applications tracked through the Employee Grant Application Database (Appendix B).

- Three (3) were successful
 - Tourism Relief Fund – Second Application
 - Canada Community Revitalization Fund
 - Settlement and Resettlement Program
- Five (5) were reviewed and determined to be not eligible
- Four (4) were unsuccessful
- Four (4) are in progress

There are many factors that affect external funding decisions, including the number of applications received relative to the amount of funding available. Cambridge has been very successful at obtaining grant funding previously. Staff will continue their commitment to the public value of sustainability, finding ways to lessen the financial burden on the taxpayer while also maintaining or enhancing City service levels.

Corporate Strategy will continue to monitor and track both advocacy and grant opportunities and will provide information on future activity in the form of a year-end Council Information Package (CIP) in six months' time.

Attachments

Appendix A – Summary of GR activities

Appendix B – Summary of Grant Applications

Approvals:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager/Supervisor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy City Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Manager

Appendix A: Government Consultation Tracking Summary

Status	Consultation/Proposed Legislative Change	Ministry, Department or Agency	Consultation Deadline (MM/DD/YYYY)	Type
Submitted	More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022	Province of Ontario	03/08/2023	Consultation Response
Submitted	Province Wide Policy Planning Document	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	06/05/2023	Consultation Response
Submitted	Building Code Amendment for Municipal Green Building Standards	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	04/28/2023	Meeting
Reviewed	Environmental Assessment Process	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	05/09/2023	Consultation
Reviewed	Aggregate Resources Act	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry	07/13/2023	Consultation

Appendix B: Grant Application Tracking Summary

Status	Grant Program	City of Cambridge Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
Successful	Tourism Relief Fund – Second Application	Winterfest	For tourism operators to promote, present and/or expand activities that attract tourists and visitors to events happening between November 2022 – March 2023.	\$110,000
Successful	Canada Community Revitalization Fund	To revitalize the area surrounding a popular boat launch on the Grand River in the Galt area of Cambridge.	The Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) aims to help communities across Canada build and improve community infrastructure projects so they can rebound from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.	\$228,244
Successful	Settlement and Resettlement Program	The Cambridge Newcomer Outreach Program (CNOP) is a new outreach model of newcomer settlement support in Cambridge, with customized programming	In collaboration with Kinbridge Community Association, the Cambridge Newcomer Outreach program offers programs and supports and year-round events to engage, assist and inform newcomers in their	\$300,000

Status	Grant Program	City of Cambridge Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
		based on newcomer-identified priorities at a local neighbourhood level. The outreach approach aims to reach youth and seniors who may not be connected to community supports and networks to draw them out and foster connections and belonging.	settlement journey.	
Reviewed & Not Eligible	Experience Ontario 2023	N/A	Provides support for festivals and events with a tourism economic impact to motivate visitors to rediscover Ontario, reconnect people with local experiences and increase tourism spending.	N/A
Reviewed & Not Eligible	Ontario Trillium Foundation	N/A	To address community need by improving the infrastructure Ontarian's need to thrive. Whether it's purchasing equipment, building a new space,	N/A

Status	Grant Program	City of Cambridge Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
			completing renovations, retrofits or repairs.	
Reviewed & Not Eligible	Covid-19 Resilience renovations, retrofits or repairs. Stream Program	N/A	The new stream will support the following types of projects: Retrofits, repairs and upgrades for municipal, territorial, provincial and Indigenous buildings, health infrastructure and schools; COVID-19 response infrastructure, including measures to support physical distancing; Active transportation infrastructure, including parks, trails, foot bridges, bike lanes and multi-use paths; Disaster mitigation and adaptation projects, including natural infrastructure, flood and fire mitigation, and tree planting and related infrastructure; and NEW Ventilation improvements projects.	N/A
Reviewed & Not Eligible	EV Chargers	N/A	Funding for 50 level-2 chargers for employee and fleet	N/A

Status	Grant Program	City of Cambridge Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
			use	
Reviewed & Not Eligible	Inclusive Community Grant	N/A	Helps ensure local governments and community organizations consider Ontarians of all ages and abilities at every stage of community planning and development. Inclusive communities respond to both the opportunities and challenges of an aging population by creating physical and social environments that support independent and active living	N/A
Unsuccessful	TD Green Space	N/A	Supports green infrastructure development, tree planting, forestry stewardship, and community green space expansion as a way to advance environmental and economic benefits toward a low-carbon economy.	N/A
Unsuccessful	Tree Canada Treemendous Communities Grant	N/A	Tree Canada supports greening projects wherever people live, work or	N/A

Status	Grant Program	City of Cambridge Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
			play.	
Unsuccessful	Enabling Accessibility Fund	N/A	Provide funding for projects that make Canadian communities and workplaces more accessible for persons with disabilities.	N/A
Unsuccessful	Supporting Inclusion through Intergenerational Partnerships	N/A	Working together to solve real-world challenges. Local community service organizations and post-secondary students will work together to understand and create solutions to address the unique challenges that impact older adults, particularly those living with dementia and from racialized and minority groups.	N/A
In Progress	Canadian Tire Jump Start	TBD	Will support funding for fall inclusion programs.	TBD
In Progress	Forest Biomass Program	TBD	For projects that will expand the use of forest biomass and enhance the forest biomass supply chain.	TBD
In Progress	Community	TBD	Assess the	TBD

Status	Grant Program	City of Cambridge Project	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount
	Buildings Retrofit (CBR) Initiative		feasibility to support near-term and long-term projects that reduce energy and GHGs, extend asset life and reduce cost of ownership for local recreational and cultural facilities. Determine the best approach to achieving near net zero buildings with a study grant.	
In Progress	Green and Inclusive Community Buildings – 2nd intake	TBD	For retrofits and new building projects for community buildings.	TBD

Date: 09/01/2023 **Internal Memo #: IM23-012(CD)**

To: Council

Circulated to: Council

Department: Community Development

Division: Engineering & Transportation

From: Sarah Austin, Manager of Development Engineering

Subject: JumpStart Accessible Multi-Sport Court Update

Comments

On July 19, 2022, through Council Report 22-005-IFS Jumpstart Accessible Sports Amenity Opportunity, Council directed staff to undertake public engagement and consultation with the City's Accessibility Advisory Committee to finalize a location for the Accessible Multi-sport Court based on the three Council approved sites and to complete the design.

Staff would like to provide Council an update on that consultation and next steps.

The public engagement was completed through the City's EngageCambridge website between May 15 and May 30, 2023. The site had 2,000 visits and the survey had 477 responses. The survey results on preferred location are:

Location	Percentage of responses supporting location
Hespeler Optimist Park (640 Ellis Road)	55%
Lions Can-Amara Park (305 Saginaw Parkway)	23%
Churchill Park (south-west section) (200 Christopher Drive)	22%

The City's Landscape Architect – Development attended the April 24, 2023 meeting of the Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee (CAAC) with the City's consultant to present the project and an overview of the three proposed sites. CAAC recommended Hespeler Optimist Park as the preferred location.

Additional factors considered in selecting the preferred location include:

- Site layout – is there space available and is significant work required to create the flat court area?

- Location within the site – is it close to washrooms, other park amenities, would it replace an existing programmed space?
- Vehicular Access – is parking available? Is accessible parking available?
- Pedestrian Access – is there a connection to an existing sidewalk or pathway? Is the pathway accessible?
- Utilities and Servicing – Are municipal and hydro services available? Might stormwater management be required?
- Cost – Preliminary budgets for site works, servicing, washroom upgrades to provide accessible services, and sport court were prepared for each site.

Based on the survey results, recommendation from CAAC and the analysis of the additional factors, the Hespeler Optimist Arena has been selected as the preferred location for the Jumpstart project.

Staff are planning a Public Information Centre (PIC) to share the location with the public as well as to present options for the configuration of the court itself and ask for feedback on the court features. The PIC will be a hybrid set-up, with the information and survey available online through the EngageCambridge website and at an evening drop-in session being held at the Arena for those that want to see the information and ask questions in person.

The PIC material, including survey, will be available on the EngageCambridge site from September 5th to September 18th, 2023.

The in-person drop-in session will be held at the Hespeler Arena on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

To learn more about the project and to view the PIC materials, please visit the Engage Cambridge page: <https://www.engagewr.ca/jumpstart-accessible-multi-sport-court>

Attachments

- Council Report 22-005-IFS Jumpstart Accessible Sports Amenity Opportunity

Approvals:

☒ Manager/Supervisor

☒ Deputy City Manager

☒ City Manager

To: SPECIAL COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 6/28/2022

Subject: **Jumpstart Accessible Sports Amenity Opportunity**

Submitted By: Hardy Bromberg, Yogesh Shah, Deputy City Manager's

Prepared By: Michael Hausser, Director of Operations, Kevin De Leebeeck, Director of Engineering

Report No.: 22-005-IFS

File No.: C1101

Wards Affected: All Wards

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Report 22-005-IFS Jumpstart Accessible Sports Amenity Opportunity be received;

AND THAT Council direct staff to undertake public engagement and consultation with the Accessibility Advisory Committee to finalize a location based on the three proposed sites and complete detailed design;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a new capital project with a budget of \$140,000 to be funded from the Capital Works Reserve Fund to complete public engagement and detailed design;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to include a capital construction project to build a Jumpstart accessible sports amenity, in partnership with Canadian Tire, as part of the 2023 Capital budget.

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Jumpstart funding agreement to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purpose

The City has been presented with an opportunity to receive grant funding for the expansion of park accessible amenities with an all-inclusive multi-sport court in an existing City park through the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program. This opportunity will provide a grant of up to \$500,000 for this project but will require a financial contribution

from the City that is not currently included in the capital budget forecast. This report outlines the details of this opportunity for Council's consideration and, if approved, seeks approval to proceed with a project that will leverage City funding to construct accessible park amenities with funding through the Jumpstart program.

Key Findings

Staff have identified three suitable locations that have sufficient space and minimal conflict with other existing uses that could be further developed to meet the requirements of the Jumpstart funding opportunity. These locations will need further review through public consultation and collaboration with the Accessibility Committee to select a site that best aligns with stakeholder input and requirements of the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program.

Financial Implications

With internal resources already committed to other approved capital projects, the internal capacity to accommodate the project management of this additional design assignment will delay the capital delivery of both the Angewood Park Playground Replacement project (A/00615-40) and Riverside Skateboard Park project (A/00959-40) until Spring 2023. It is estimated that retaining an external consultant to undertake stakeholder consultation, geotechnical, and detailed design work will cost in the order of \$140,000 and would need to begin as soon as possible. In addition, funding for this effort is not available within current approved capital or operating budgets. If this effort is to proceed in 2022, additional funding would be needed from the Capital Works Reserve Fund.

Based on the experience of other municipalities, the construction of a site to meet the requirements of the Jumpstart funding opportunity is likely to cost between \$800,000 and \$1,300,000 based on final site selection and detailed design. This is not currently in the Capital Budget Forecast for 2023 and, if it were to proceed in 2023, would need to be prioritized over other capital projects.

The 2023 – 2031 capital forecast identified 36 proposed projects worth more than \$32 million that were unfunded due to funding constraints. This amount is expected to increase during preparation of the 2023 Capital Budget due to rising inflation rates and supply chain issues. If this project is approved to proceed it would be prioritized ahead of two (2) other identified parks priority projects including maintenance and rehabilitation of existing park assets.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

☐ Strategic Action; or

☒ Core Service

Objective(s): INCLUSION - Deliver accessible, diverse and inclusive services, programs and infrastructure for all ages and abilities

Strategic Action: Create and activate spaces that offer things for people to do

Program: Community Development

Core Service: Courts

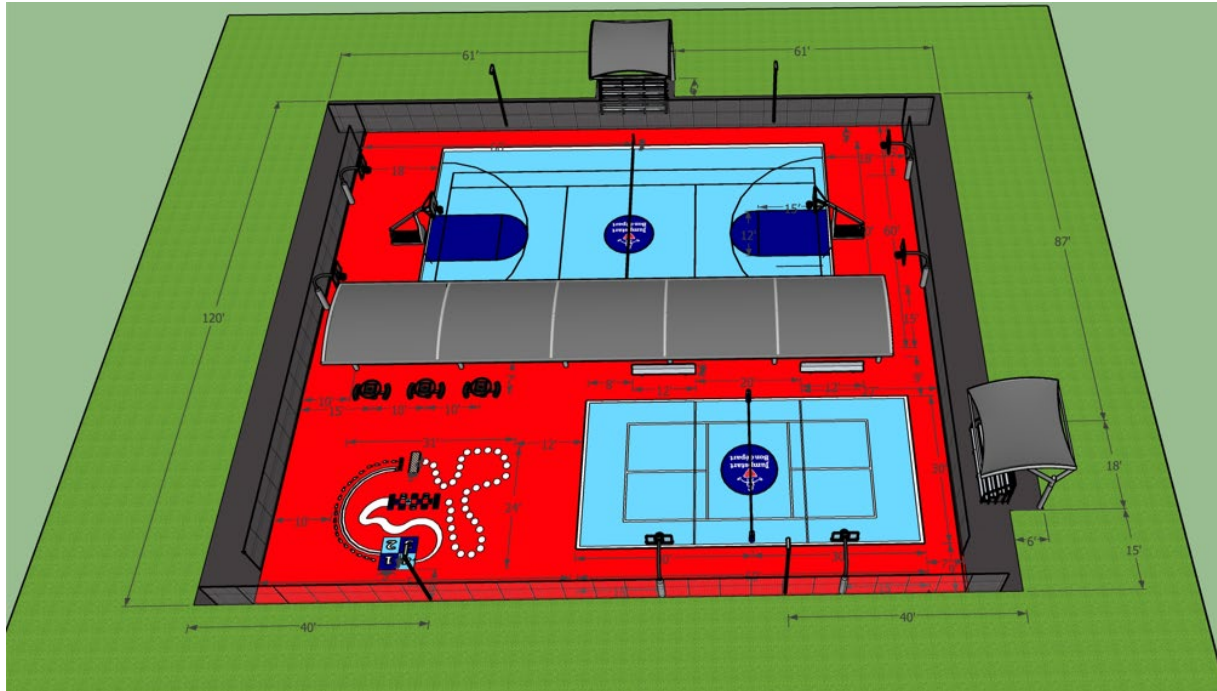
This project could result in the installation of a multi-sport accessible court within an existing park.

BACKGROUND:

Canadian Tire's Jumpstart program is interested in constructing an accessible multi-sport court within an existing suitable park space. Staff have met with representatives of the Canadian Tire's Jumpstart Inclusive Play Spaces Initiative to discuss an opportunity for a multi-sport court facility featuring: barrier-free access, covered seating areas, enhanced visibility with high-contrast colours and lighting, court surfacing and equipment supporting a variety of sports including:

- Basketball
- Pickleball
- Sitting Volleyball
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Wheelchair Basketball
- Wheelchair Tennis

Canadian Tire Jumpstart multi-sport courts have been installed in a number of Canadian cities including Uxbridge, Ontario and Thompson, Manitoba. An example is shown in the image below.



The inclusive play program through Canadian Tire's Jumpstart initiative provides an opportunity for Cambridge to receive up to \$500,000 of goods and products that will transform an asphalt pad into a fully accessible multi-play sports amenity. The goods and products provided through Jumpstart include the following:

- Accessible tables (3)
- 12' Players bench
- Adjustable net system
- Uni-Court net system
- Tennis posts and net
- Fixed basketball systems (6)
- Portable basketball systems (2)
- 15' 5 Tier bleacher and sleeper systems (2)
- Court surfacing and base
- Perimeter fencing
- LED lighting
- Shade structure 100' x 20'
- Shade structure 25' x 18'

The Jumpstart initiative sponsored by Canadian Tire Mission is: Through our national ecosystem of partners and collaborators in communities across the nation, and our

unique relationship with the Canadian Tire Family of Companies, Jumpstart creates and supports programs that build better futures for kids.

The City will acknowledge Jumpstart's Gift as per schedule D and E of attached draft template gift agreement which includes naming rights, signage, branding on court component and host events to celebrate project milestones.

ANALYSIS:

Cambridge currently has a number of accessible park amenities as listed below:

11 accessible basketball courts:

- Brent Park
- Chaplin Park
- Churchill Park
- Greenway Park
- John Erb Park
- Laurence St. Park
- Santa Maria Park (practice pad)
- Timber Creek Park (practice pad)
- Vardon Park
- Weaver Park
- Witmer Park

4 fully accessible play structures:

- Riverside Park
- Churchill Park
- Victoria Park (Galt)
- Victoria Park (Hespeler)

Many other parks also have some accessible play components.

This opportunity would provide an expansion to accessible public sports play amenities to the residents of Cambridge.

A review has been undertaken to identify which existing parks have an existing sports court that could be converted or any other parks that have sufficient space that also meets as many of the expectations of the Jumpstart program as possible.

A summary of technical requirements of the Jumpstart program are as follows:

- A minimum 120' x 140' flat land prepared with base suitable for asphalt surfacing.
- An accessible washroom
- Accessible parking
- Accessible pathways between parking, washroom, and sports pad
- Electrical service and lighting potential.

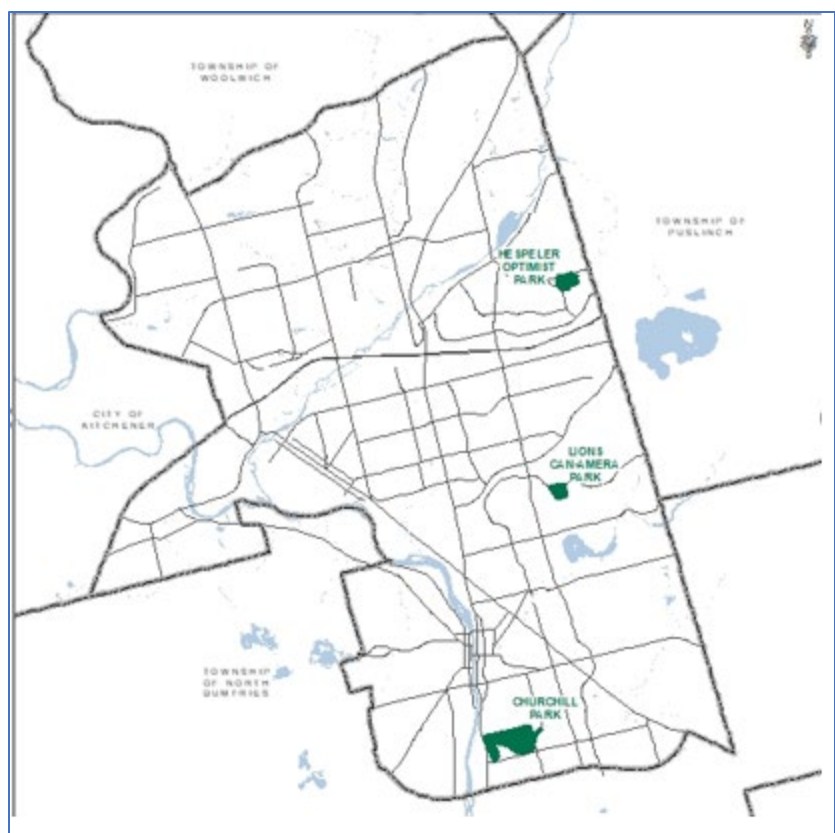
A summary of general requirements to ensure usage of the facility is compatible with other existing uses.

- Sufficient distance or sound attenuation between court and adjacent residential units.
- Not within wetland or location prone to flooding.
- Does not conflict or displace other existing amenities/facilities.

The review by staff identified three possible locations that had sufficient space, provided some level of parking, and some level of access to washrooms. All locations would require some level of site works/construction to meet the requirements of the Jumpstart program. No location was identified that could support the Jumpstart opportunity without fairly significant site works.

The three most suitable locations are as follows:

- Hespeler Optimist Park
- Lions Can-Amera Park
- Churchill Park (South West Section)



Hespeler Optimist Park



Site Suitability Assessment

- **Sports Pad** – The pad could be installed within the existing parking lot.
- **Washroom** – An accessible washroom is available year-round within the adjacent arena.
- **Parking** – Parking is available; however, additional designated accessible parking spaces may need to be created.
- **Pathways** – This site has limited need for additional pathways.
- **Lighting** – Electric service available for lighting.
- **Proximity to Residential Units** – Some conflict with area residents expected. Some plantings may provide sufficient sound attenuation. This facility will be fenced and the hours of use can be restricted to mitigate noise complaints
- **Wetland** – Not an issue at this location
- **Conflict with Existing Uses** – Loss of parking spaces will be an impact during tournaments or full twin pad play and hall rental however, not an issue at other times.

Lions Can-Amara Park



Site Suitability Assessment

- **Sports Pad** – The pad could be constructed where the existing play structures exist. A Capital project to replace the play structures in 2028 is proposed and the play structure is planned to be re-located within the park. This location would require some site grading and may require a small retaining wall.
- **Washroom** – An accessible washroom is available in this park.
- **Parking** – This park has shared parking with the adjacent school. Designated accessible parking spaces may need to be assigned.
- **Pathways** – Good pathways exist, but, may need some re-configuration.
- **Lighting** – Path lighting exists, additional wiring may be needed to support additional lighting.
- **Proximity to Residential Units** – Good separation from nearby residents.
- **Wetland** – Not an issue at this location
- **Conflict with Existing Uses** – Limited conflict with existing uses and amenities. Coordination with school board will be required for water/power and parking.

Churchill Park – South West



Site Suitability Assessment

- **Sports Pad** – The pad could be installed adjacent to the operations building with some site re-grading.
- **Washroom** – An accessible washroom (with some limitations) is available and open all summer. Some re-work is required to make full accessible.
- **Parking** – Parking can be constructed to re-purpose the former campground area.
- **Pathways** – Would need to be constructed with site grading to connect sports pad and washroom and parking area.
- **Lighting** – Electrical power available from adjacent operations building.
- **Proximity to Residential Units** – Adjacent residents may have a concern with additional noise and lighting.
- **Wetland** – Not an issue at this location
- **Conflict with Existing Uses** – An existing baseball diamond may need to be shifted and/or additional outfield fencing installed to maintain separation between users.

EXISTING POLICY / BY-LAW(S):

There is no existing policy/by-law.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

At this time, internal staff are committed to approved capital and operating items and do not have the capacity to undertake this additional design assignment. Should Council approve this additional design assignment the capital delivery of both the Angewood Park Playground Replacement project (A/00615-40) and Riverside Skateboard Park project (A/00959-40) would be delayed until Spring 2023. An external consulting firm would also need to be retained to undertake this additional design assignment and is estimated to cost \$140,000. Funding would need to be provided through a transfer from the Capital Works Reserve Fund.

A detailed construction cost cannot be determined at this time as a specific site has not been selected. Jumpstart would provide up to \$500,000 in the way of court surfacing costs and equipment, while the City capital cost to prepare the site with associated amenities to support the installation of the Jumpstart accessible multi-sports court could be in the range of \$800,000 to \$1,300,000 based on the experience of other municipalities, depending on the site selected. If approved, a capital budget for this project would be included as part of the 2023 Capital Budget. Due to the parameters of the funding agreement this project would be prioritized ahead of other identified parks priority projects including both the Lions Can-Amersa Splashpad Design and Build project (A/00469-40) and the Sport Court Refurbishments of Greenway Basketball and Willard Tennis project (A/01210-40) totaling just over \$1M.

Additional operating costs to maintain awnings and periodic renewal of court surfaces in addition to regular inspections and repairs will need to be estimated and submitted with the capital project request. An annualized impact to operating over a 15-year period is anticipated to be in the order of \$20,000 for staffing, materials, supplies, and contracted services.

PUBLIC VALUE:**Leadership**

This opportunity would enhance community wellbeing by providing additional accessible public amenities for residents of all ages and abilities to engage in outdoor sports play.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE INPUT:**Advisory Committees Consulted:**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee will need to be engaged on this project to help assess suitability of a site as well as the design elements of the site.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Posted publicly as part of the report process.

Public engagement with area residents of potential sites will be included on this project should it be approved to proceed.

INTERNAL / EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:

There was no internal/external consultation undertaken.

CONCLUSION:

Although there is no proposed project to build an accessible multi-sports facility in the approved 2022-2031 Capital forecast, Cambridge has an opportunity to consider a partnership with the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program to build an accessible multi-sport court that will broaden the range of activities to residents with a premium facility.

If Council wishes to partner with the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program, two (2) currently approved 2022 parks projects would be delayed until Spring 2023 and in absence of an offsetting financial contribution to the capital program, would defer two (2) other parks capital projects previously approved as part of the 2022-2032 capital budget forecast.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: **Yes**

By-law: **No**

Budget Amendment: **Yes**

Policy: **No**

APPROVALS:

This report has gone through the appropriate workflow and has been reviewed and or approved by the following as required:

Director

Deputy City Manager

Chief Financial Officer

City Solicitor

City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Schedules of Funding Agreement



August 28, 2023

Jan Liggett
Her Worship
City of Cambridge
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Dear Mayor Liggett:

We are pleased to announce that the governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1.5 million over two years to help improve the removal, handling, and disposal of deadstock across the province. The Increasing Deadstock Capacity Initiative application intake will be open from September 21, 2023, to February 1, 2024. All approved projects must be completed by February 1, 2025. You can find additional information, including how to apply, on the Agricultural Adaptation Council Website at info@adaptcouncil.org.

This program is being offered through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP). The cost-share funding initiative will help address some of the gaps identified in a Livestock Research Innovation Corporation (LRIC) report released this year and will provide opportunities for the deadstock industry to streamline operations and improve accessibility by increasing capacities and establishing new service standards.

Please note that expenses, where applicable, must meet regulatory requirements, including [Ontario Regulation 105/09](#) under the Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001 (FSQA), and [Ontario Regulation 106/09](#) under the Nutrient Management Act, 2002 (NMA), (or any applicable requirements under the Safe Food for Canadians Act for federally registered plants), and be suitable for use. The undertaking of these activities for cost-share funding may still be subject to regulatory approvals.

Our governments are committed to supporting the agri-food sector and rural communities in Ontario.

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We encourage you to take advantage of this funding opportunity and submit an application. Together, we can ensure that Ontario's agricultural communities can continue to operate sustainably and without interruption.

Sincerely,



Lawrence MacAulay
Minister of Agriculture
and Agri-Food



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August 11, 2023

Climate Emergency Unit
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Dear Erin Blondeau, Director of Communications

Re: Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT)

Please be advised that the Council for the Township of Severn received correspondence respecting the Just Transition Transfer (JTT) at their recent August 9th, 2023 Council meeting.

Following discussion Motion C2023-042 was passed:

Moved by Councillor - Ward 3 Phil Brennan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Judith Cox

WHEREAS Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are slowly starting to trend downward, but the reduction trajectory remains incongruent with what science and justice demands;

WHEREAS Canada must spend what it takes to confront the climate emergency, and there is an urgent need for Canada to spend more on climate infrastructure that would drive down GHGs and hasten the transition off fossil fuels;

WHEREAS Canada needs to make an audacious and hopeful offer to those workers and communities whose employment and economic security is currently tied to the fossil fuel industry (and to a lesser extent the auto, steel, concrete, and agriculture industries, etc., all of which face substantial transition challenges), and to Indigenous communities on the frontlines of fossil fuel extraction;

WHEREAS the federal government has introduced a *Sustainable Jobs Act*, but this Act needs to be paired with and backed-up by a substantial investment in the jobs of the future;

WHEREAS much of the climate infrastructure needed will come under provincial, municipal and Indigenous jurisdiction (renewable energy, grid upgrades, public transit, zero-emission housing, etc.), and training comes under provincial jurisdiction, but it is the federal government that has the greatest capacity to pay;

WHEREAS a new federal Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT) specifically linked to funding climate infrastructure projects that would create hundreds of thousands of jobs, along with training and apprenticeships programs for workers and those leaving the oil and gas industry -- would be a transformative program that signals that Canada is indeed entering emergency mode;

WHEREAS the JTT would be an annual transfer of approximately \$25 billion from the federal government to provincial/territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments, purpose-built to meet the climate emergency imperative to decarbonize our society, ensuring communities can fund the infrastructure and training needed to transition off fossil fuels, while creating thousands of sustainable jobs in a way that is specific to their needs and locale;

WHEREAS the JTT's distribution would be based on a formula linked to recent GHG emissions in each province (but fixed from that point onward, so as not to perversely incentivize continued high GHGs), recognizing that some jurisdictions face a more challenging task to transition their local economies;

WHEREAS the JTT would transfer federal funds to newly established just transition agencies in each province and territory -- jointly governed by the federal government, provincial/territorial governments, municipal governments, and local Indigenous nations -- and in some case directly to Indigenous nations, ensuring the transfer money is not simply absorbed into provincial or municipal budgets or used to displace other infrastructure or

training funds, but rather, ensuring the money is used for its intended purpose, and that fund are allocated in a manner sensitive to local climate action plans, the unique GHG profiles of each region, and to local labour market/training needs;

WHEREAS a JTT could provide significant, stable, multi-year funding for the climate infrastructure and training/employment needs of municipalities, Indigenous communities, energy utilities, public transit authorities and public housing authorities;

WHEREAS the federal government is welcome to title such a new transfer as they see fit (e.g. a Sustainable Jobs Transfer or a Climate Infrastructure Transfer);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Severn formally endorses the call for a new Just Transition Transfer; and

THAT the Township of Severn urges the federal government to establish a new Just Transition Transfer, starting with a major financial commitment in the next federal budget; and will write to the federal ministers concerned expressing this support;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (705) 325-2315 x 232 or by email at agray@severn.ca

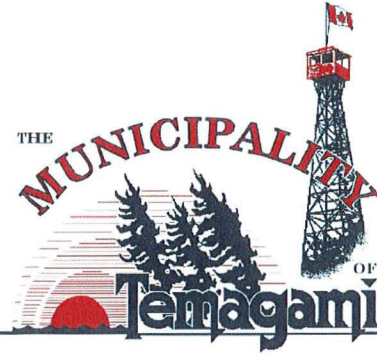
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August 16, 2023

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RE: Resolutions in Support

Enclosed are resolutions of support considered and passed by the Council of the Municipality of Temagami during 2023.

Thank-you

Craig Davidson
Treasurer/Administrator and Acting Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI
Regular Council Meeting

Resolution Number: 23-011
Title: 2023-M-005 Cambridge
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2023

MOVED BY: C.Lowery
SECONDED BY: B. Leudke

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the City of Cambridge's resolution calling on the Province to better define or amend the More Homes Built Faster Act to better result in increased affordable housing.

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

A true copy of the resolution by the Council of the Municipality of Temagami



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI
Regular Council Meeting

Resolution Number: 23-201
Title: 2023-M-118 - Cambridge - Codes of Conducts
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023

MOVED BY: M. Youngs
SECONDED BY: J. Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution of the City of Cambridge supporting the Ontario Big City Mayor's motion on legislative amendments to improve municipal Codes of Conduct and enforcement.

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

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THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI
Regular Council Meeting

Resolution Number: 23-198
Title: 2023-M-115 - Cambridge - HTA
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023

MOVED BY: C.Lowery
SECONDED BY: M. Youngs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution of the City of Cambridge calling on the Ontario Government to amend s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act and permit municipalities to locate an Automated Speed Enforcement system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones.

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

A true copy of the resolution by the Council of the Municipality of Temagami

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized "S" or "L" with a long tail.

Council Resolution Form

Date: 17 Aug 2023

No: Resolution No.199-23

Moved By: Councillor Popkie
Seconded by Councillor Thomson

Disposition: CARRIED.

Item No: 12.08.2 Description: Request for Support - The Women of Ontario Say No

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

Whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and

Whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and

Whereas, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; and


Whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and

Whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and


Now, therefore be it resolved that the Township of Greater Madawaska supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and

Also be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office



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August 23, 2023

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Re: Township of Selwyn – Short Term Rentals

Please be advised that, at its meeting of July 18, 2023, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That correspondence from the Township of Selwyn – Short Term Rentals, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Sincerely,

S. Tufail

Saima Tufail
Acting City Clerk

cc. Steve Clark, MMAH - minister.mah@ontario.ca
MP Michelle Ferreri - michelle.ferreri@parl.gc.ca
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Ontario's Municipal Councils

June 29, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Please be advised that at its meeting held on the 27th day of June 2023, the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2023 – 143 – Notice of Motion – Short-Term Rentals

Councillor Brian Henry – Councillor John Boyko –

Whereas the demand for alternative accommodations has resulted in an increased prominence of residential properties being advertised for short term accommodations through third party companies such as Airbnb and VRBO; a shift from the ‘traditional’ cottage rental historically managed by a property owner; and

Whereas over the past decade a flood of properties have been removed from the ownership and long-term rental market (*Canada Research Chair in Urban Governance at McGill University*) contributing to housing shortages, increased housing demands and increased housing costs resulting in housing affordability issues, including affordable rentals; and

Whereas short term rentals (STR) can be beneficial, when operated appropriately, by providing solutions for the accommodation industry that supports local tourism and small businesses as well as providing an opportunity for property owners to generate income from their residence (permanent or seasonal) using a convenient third-party system; and

Whereas STR’s can create nuisances including noise, parking, high volumes of visitors attending a property, septic capacity and fire safety, for adjacent residential property owners who wish to experience quiet enjoyment of their property; and

Whereas research indicates that demand for STR’s is increasing, in part due to vacationers choosing domestic travel options as well as the financial benefits to property owners, demonstrating that STR’s are here to stay; and

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Whereas there are no Provincial regulations in place governing third party STR companies resulting in a variety of regulations/guidelines being implemented at the local municipal level which creates inconsistencies, confusion and frustrations for both consumers and residents across the Province;

That the Township of Selwyn request that the Province move forward as soon as possible to legislate that all third party Short Term Rental brokerage companies, for example Airbnb and VRBO, appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings and to compel compliance that the Province establish the requirement for STR companies to require each rental listing to be registered and to pay an appropriate annual fee and that STR company provide this registry along with the collected fees to the municipality in which the STR properties are located which allows the municipality to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds for municipal expenses to enforce/respond to issues at a STR property; and further

That the Province require the STR company to de-list/remove the property from the company's listings so that the property cannot be rented where a municipality has identified and verified life, health and/or nuisance infractions including noise, fire safety, septic, etc...

That a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities for support as well as to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, local M.P.P. Dave Smith and M.P. Michelle Ferreri.

Carried.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Megin Hunter

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August 30, 2023

BY EMAIL

RE: Letter of Support – Time for Change: *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("MFIPPA")

Dear Judy Smith,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on August 14, 2023, Council discussed the correspondence dated July 5, 2023, from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding the request to review the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. In particular, Mayor Bondy indicated the importance of encouraging the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services to review the *Act*, specifically to consider eliminating the option for redundant, frivolous, or vexatious requests.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R23-08-324

Moved By Mayor Bondy
Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

That the correspondence dated July 5, 2023, from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding the request for the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services review the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* be received and supported; and

That Council direct Administration to send a letter of support to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Lisa Gretzky, MPP, Andrew Dowie, MPP, Chris Lewis, MP; and all other municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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