



| REPORT TITLE   |                  |  |           |  |                  |      |  |        |  |
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| COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream: Kerwood Park Rehabilitation   |                  |  |           |  |                  |      |  |        |  |
| FROM (Name and Position)   |                  |  |           |  |                  |      |  |        |  |
| Chris Traini, P.Eng., GM Infrastructure and Deputy CAO, Middlesex County |                  |  |           |  |                  |      |  |        |  |
| Council Meeting Date:  |                  |  |           |  | Report Date:     |      |  |        |  |
| Decision Required:   | Yes              |  | No        |  | Type of Meeting: | Open |  | Closed |  |
| Outcome:   | Information Only |  | Direction |  | Priority:        | High |  | Low    |  |

**BACKGROUND**

The Government of Ontario announced the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for a combined federal and provincial funding of \$250 million. Eligible projects under this program include retrofits, repairs and upgrades for municipal buildings, COVID-19 response infrastructure, active transportation infrastructure, and disaster mitigation and adaption projects. The Township of Adelaide Metcalfe qualifies for \$100,000 of this funding.

**ANALYSIS**

The Township of Adelaide Metcalfe is considering the renewal of the Kerwood Park complex including a new facility (including washrooms) and the rehabilitation of the baseball diamonds and parking lot with related drainage and landscaping improvements. The current total estimated budget for the project is approximately \$737,000 before HST and including engineering fees.

Updates to the current facilities on site are a primary component of the work. The demolition of the existing pavilion and the construction of a 1,200 ft<sup>2</sup> structure including men’s, women’s and family washroom facilities, a storage area for park maintenance and other park related equipment, and mechanical room. This building has been designed to AODA standards and provides barrier free washroom facilities. The estimated cost for this work is \$414,370 plus HST.

It is likely that only the upgraded building component of the project would qualify for the ICIP funding. The total estimate cost of construction of the new facility is \$364,800 of which \$100,000 could possibly funded through the program. The municipality would be required to provide an additional \$314,370 for the demolition of the existing building, construction of an access road, engineering fees, and the balance of the cost of construction. Note that these estimates do not include HST.

In the opinion of the Middlesex County Engineer it is highly likely that additional COVID-19 related funding will be available in the future and the remainder of the park revitalization including the renewal of the ball diamonds, paving of the parking lot, drainage improvements and updated landscaping may qualify. It is likely that the chance of success for a future funding program may improve with a second application for future work on the same property.

It is recommended that the work on the park proceed in two phases over 2021 and 2022. The building and related electrical upgrades could start in the spring of 2021 and the remainder of the park improvements could be scheduled for 2022. Other than the advantage of other potential funding sources becoming available, this schedule would allow for the park to remain partially open during both years as opposed to a total shutdown for construction as a single project.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

A successful ICIP funding application would commit Adelaide Metcalfe to an estimated budget of \$314,370 in 2021. An unsuccessful application would add an additional \$100,00 to the project cost.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Kerwood Park rehabilitation be scheduled to occur in two phases over 2021 and 2022; and

That application for \$100,000 of funding through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID Stream – Local Government Intake for the upgrade of the Kerwood Park facilities be submitted.

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| <b>APPROVED by the Acting Township Manager</b> |
| Morgan Calvert                                 |