



TOWN OF MINTO

MEETING DATE: October 1, 2024
REPORT TO: Mayor and Council
SERVICE AREA: Community Services
SUBJECT: CS 2024-004 – Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report CS 2024-004 Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund, prepared by the Director of Community Services, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto approves a resolution supporting an application for the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund was announced in late August with the Ontario government investing up to \$200 million over three years to support Ontario's growing communities. There are two streams which are:

- Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation
- Stream 2: New Builds

The application deadline for Stream 1 is October 29, 2024, and is ongoing for Stream 2. The \$200 million in funding covers both streams meaning Stream 2 applications should be submitted as soon as practicable.

Applications from municipalities are required to include a resolution of support from its Council. The success of any application will depend on the number of submissions and this grant will likely be competitive.

COMMENTS:

Town staff have met with the Rotary Club of Clifford over the past few months to discuss the viability of building a splash pad in Clifford. During this time, it was determined that a direct-to-drain splash pad could be constructed. The most ideal location would be Cenotaph Park, due to the size of nearby water service lines and proximity to storm sewer drains. Rotary

Park will also be considered. It is important to note that the water consumption of splash pads has improved and can be managed by the number of features installed, sequencing of the features, and daily hours of operation. There is currently sufficient water capacity in Clifford, but a splash pad will draw on this capacity when in operation.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

Funding for municipalities in either stream is 50% (70% under unique and exceptional circumstances) including between \$150,000 - \$1 million for repair and rehabilitation as well as up to \$10 million for new builds. The challenge when determining a project to apply for is that if successful, the municipality must plan to come up with their share of the funding.

The Rotary Club of Clifford met on September 24, 2024, and are prepared to make a financial contribution towards the capital cost of construction.

The estimated cost of a splash pad is \$250,000 meaning a successful grant application would result in \$125,000 coming from the Province of Ontario. The other \$125,000 would come from the Rotary Club of Clifford, Town of Minto, and other potential sources.

If unsuccessful in this grant application, other funding opportunities could be pursued should they become available.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal 2: Quality of Life

Provide a holistic quality of life which supports the mental, physical, and social health of our community.

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RECOMMENDED BY: Gregg Furtney, Chief Administrative Officer