

SUBJECT: Community Partnership Capital Programs Annual Report

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Report to Community and Protective Services Committee on 21 October 2021

and Council 27 October 2021

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**OBJET : Rapport annuel relatif aux programmes de partenariat
communautaire pour les projets d'immobilisations**

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Rapport au Comité des services communautaires et de protection

le 21 octobre 2021

et au Conseil le 27 octobre 2021

**Soumis le 21 octobre 2021 par Dan Chenier, Directeur général, Direction général
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REPORT RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council:

1. Receive the listing of projects funded under delegated authority through the Community Partnership Minor Capital program in 2020 as detailed in Document 1;
2. Approve in principle the list of 2021 Community Partnership Major Capital projects as

detailed in Document 2 and within the Council approved program budget envelope;

3. Receive the status update of prior year Community Partnership Major Capital projects previously approved in principle as detailed in Document 3; and

4. Delegate authority to the General Manager, Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services to work with Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Community Culture and Recreation (CCR) Funding Stream Transfer Payment Agreements (TPA), to set up the detailed financial planning, creation of accounts, and project management for the ICIP approved projects for Centennial Park and Trend Arlington Park.

RECOMMANDATION(S) DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité des services communautaires et de protection recommande au Conseil :

1. de prendre connaissance des projets, énumérés dans le document 1, qui ont été financés en 2020 en vertu des pouvoirs délégués dans le cadre du Programme de partenariats communautaires pour les projets d'immobilisations secondaires;
2. d'approuver en principe, dans le respect des limites de l'enveloppe budgétaire approuvée par le Conseil, la liste des projets de 2021 soumis dans le cadre du Programme de partenariats communautaires pour les grands projets d'immobilisations, liste présentée dans le document 2;
3. de prendre connaissance de l'état des projets soumis l'année précédente dans le cadre du Programme de partenariats communautaires pour les grands projets d'immobilisations et déjà approuvés en principe, état exposé dans le document 3; et
4. de déléguer au directeur général des Loisirs, de la Culture et des Installations le pouvoir de collaborer avec les responsables du Programme d'infrastructure Investir dans le Canada (ententes de paiement de transfert pour le volet Infrastructures communautaires, culturelles et récréatives) afin de procéder à la planification financière détaillée, à la création des comptes et à la gestion des projets approuvés dans le cadre de ce programme fédéral pour les parcs Centennial et Trend-Arlington.

BACKGROUND

The Community Partnership Minor Capital Program

This program was established in 2001 to implement minor capital improvements to parks and recreation facilities on a cost-sharing basis with community groups. The program focuses on smaller projects with grants up to a maximum of \$10,000 on city property and \$7,500 on other public land. The City's capital budget for the program is set annually through the budget process. Applications are reviewed and funds are allocated, under delegated authority as per the program's guidelines, with the Department reporting on grant allocations to Committee and Council annually.

As neighbourhoods change both socially and demographically, this program provides an effective means of responding quickly to the needs of communities. Community participation in fundraising, planning and installation of recreational facilities promotes community pride, ownership and stewardship of parks and recreation facilities in their communities.

Community Partnership Major Capital Program

In response to significant uptake on the Community Partnership Minor Capital Program in 2004, Council approved the Community Partnership Major Capital Program.

The Community Partnership Major Capital Program is an initiative to implement major capital improvements to parks and recreation facilities on a cost-sharing basis with community partners. The City's annual budget process sets the capital budget amount for the program and while there is no set limit on the maximum grant available, total project values are restricted to actual funds available. Applications are evaluated against the approved criteria and staff recommendations are brought forward annually to Committee and Council for approval.

This larger program seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- Develop capital projects that respond to priority needs as identified through Departmental and City planning documents
- Support community initiatives in developing and improving facilities that serve the community
- Develop cost effective capital projects that leverage funding from other sources

The Program provides opportunities to partner with community organizations to

implement major capital projects. Eligible projects include capital initiatives for new development, renovations and expansions of parks and recreation facilities. These projects are typically larger in scale and cost more than what could be financed through the Community Partnership Minor Capital Program.

DISCUSSION

Community Partnership Minor Capital Program 2020

The Department received 10 applications as part of the 2020 application process, of which six (6) met the program criteria and were approved. Two (2) projects have been completed, four (4) are in progress, and four (4) were deemed ineligible or withdrawn by the applicant.

Refer to Supporting Document 1 for details. Staff continue to work with applicants to ensure projects are completed in compliance with City standards and guidelines. Given the challenges of fundraising by community groups to raise matching funding, it is acknowledged that not all projects will be completed within a 1-year time period.

Community Partnership Major Capital Program 2021

Due to challenging financial pressures in 2020, related to the pandemic, the 2020 major capital budget provision was returned to source as part of the July 7, 2020 Capital Budget Adjustments and Closing of Projects Report to Committee and Council ([ACS2020-FSD-FIN-0015](#)).

As funds were not available to fund the program in 2020, the March 1, 2020 proposals were deferred to 2021. Proposals received in 2020 and new proposals received up to the March 1, 2021 deadline were evaluated as per the criteria detailed in the guidelines.

The Department received fifteen (15) proposals in 2021, as detailed in Supporting Document 2.

There are eleven (11) projects recommended for approval in principle with the total requested City contribution approximated at \$1,229,800. There are four (4) projects not recommended for approval, all are listed in Document 2.

Updates to the status of projects previously approved by Council are listed in Supporting Document 3.

The Arcadia Splashpad project in Ward 4 was approved in principle in 2018 during the previous term of Council. The community association has since disbanded, consequently the project is not proceeding. As such, the funds will be returned to the

major capital partnership balance to allocate towards new projects.

As per previous council approval received on July 21, 2021 for report number: [ACS2020-RCF-GEN-0007](#); the Ottawa South United Soccer Association (OSU) Fieldhouse project in George Nelms Sports Park will return \$350,000 to the major capital partnership balance to allocate towards new projects.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Sufficient funds are available in the existing RCFS Minor and Major capital funding program budgets for the 2021 projects.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no legal impediment to receiving the information described in report recommendation numbers 1 and 3 and there are no legal impediments to the implementation of the report recommendations.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

This is a City-Wide report.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS

This section contains any comments or recommendations made by one or more Advisory Committees relating to this report.

CONSULTATION

No public consultation was undertaken in preparation of this report. Projects recommended for funding represent partnerships with local community groups. Each project, depending on the nature of the works, will have its own consultation requirements.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

All projects must be compliant with the [Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation \(IASR\)](#) of the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, \(AODA\)](#) as well as the City's [Accessible Design Standards & Features](#).

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no asset management implications associated with this report.

CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

There are no climate implications associated with this report

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no economic implications associated with this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Environmental implications will be taken into consideration as projects are implemented.

INDIGENOUS GENDER AND EQUITY IMPLICATIONS

Projects approved under these programs must be open and accessible to the public. As such, the projects promote equal and equitable opportunity for recreation across the City.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management impediments to implementing the recommendations in this report.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

Some projects approved in both the Minor and Major Capital programs are located in rural areas of the City.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

There are no technology implications associated with this report.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The Community Partnership Minor/Major Capital Program is a Corporate Strategy Priority.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 Summary of Community Partnership Minor Capital 2020 Funding Allocations

Document 2 Summary of Community Partnership Major Capital 2021 Proposals

Document 3 Update and Summary of Community Partnership Major Capital projects that were approved in principle in previous years

DISPOSITION

Upon approval from Committee and Council, RCFS will implement the projects outlined in Document 2.