



Staff Report

Report To: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer
From: **Scott Currie, Manager of Communications and Strategic Initiatives**
Date: September 7 2021
Report: CSD 21.09
Subject: 2021 Ontario Trillium Foundation's Community Building Fund – Capital Stream Application

Recommendations:

That Council receives the report from Scott Currie, Manager of Communications and Strategic Initiatives, titled "2021 Ontario Trillium Foundation's Community Building Fund - Capital Stream Application"; and,

That a funding application be submitted to the to the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Community Building Fund for capital work improvements at the Stephen Arena.

Purpose:

Approval.

Background and Analysis:

The Ontario Trillium Fund's Community Building Fund - Capital Stream is a competitive, application-based grant that provides support for non-profits, Indigenous communities and municipalities to repair, renovate or retrofit existing recreation facilities.

The application intake window is from September 1 – 29th and provides up to 100% of eligible costs for projects between \$10k and \$500k that support:

- extending the life and maximize the use of existing facilities **or**

- implementing public health measures related to COVID-19 preparedness.

Staff are proposing to submit an application in support of capital work at the Stephen Arena to extend the life of this recreation asset.

The proposed scope of work in the application will be guided by the Municipality's long-term capital plan for the Stephen Arena (e.g., replacement of compressor, shell and tube chiller, surge drum, BAC evaporative condenser, arena floor, front door replacement), which is work that is necessary to continue operations at the Stephen Arena.

Operational Considerations:

Staff will work to fine-tune the project scope for the application; however, at the time of writing this report, staff propose the municipality aim for a project scope that approaches the upper limit of the eligible costs (i.e., \$500k) and demonstrates contributed funds for cost-sharing this project.

South Huron's Strategic Plan:

7.2.1 Strategic Objective: Improved Recreation and Community Wellbeing

- Improve and enhance the quality of recreation facilities

Financial Impact:

It is not likely hear the outcome until next year - well after 2022 budget deliberations have concluded. Staff recommend that Council budget for the 2022 capital plan as normal and if the municipality is successful in receiving this grant Council can choose to place the budgeted amount into the recreation reserve for future use.

The proposed scope of work is as follows:

MOSH Long-Term Capital Plan - Stephen Arena	Estimated Cost
Compressor, Shell and Tube Chiller and Surge Drum	\$ 100,000
BAC Evaporative Condenser	\$ 75,000
Replace Arena Floor	\$ 1,100,000
Replace Front Door	\$ 12,000
Total Cost	\$ 1,287,000
Funding Requested from Ontario Trillium Grant	\$ 500,000
South Huron's Funding Portion	\$ 787,000

**Projects up to \$500k are eligible for funding.*

***To strengthen this application, South Huron can demonstrate its cost-sharing contribution to the overall project.*

Legal Impact:

None

Staffing Impact:

None

Communication Actions:

None

Policies/Legislation:

None

Consultation:

Jeremy Becker, Director of Fire and Community Services

Related Documents:

None

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Currie, Manager of Communications and Strategic Initiatives