
To: Mayor and Council

From: Terry Vachon, Director of Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: September 23, 2024

Subject: Report #PCR-016-2024 – Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund Application

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby receive report PCR-016-2024 (Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund Application) dated September 23, 2024.

Background

The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) announced on April 18, 2024 provides funding to municipalities, Indigenous communities, non-profit organizations and (for new builds only) for-profit organizations through two program streams for projects that:

- [repair or upgrade existing sport and recreation facilities \(Stream 1\)](#)
- [build new and transformative sport and recreation facilities \(Stream 2\)](#)

The CSRIF is a cost-shared program launched as part of the [2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#) to:

- foster healthier and more active lifestyle for families
- make sport more accessible
- help more communities across the province host local, national and international sporting events and competitions

They are investing up to \$200 million over 3 years to support Ontario's growing communities with new and revitalized sport and recreation facilities.

The program objectives are to invest in sport and recreation infrastructure that will:

- extend the lifespan of existing sport and recreation facilities
- improve local sport and recreation programming and accessibility features to meet community need
- provide assets that do not currently exist in a community
- create local jobs
- increase physical activity and improve community health and wellness
- promote local participation and affordable access to sport and recreation

- allow the opportunity to host more provincial, national and international sporting events

Comments and Analysis

The Department is seeking direction from Council on which project to apply for. This is necessary, as the Province of Ontario requires a resolution of Council for the project as part of the "Required Documents" for the funding application.

Presently Council has approved amounts in the 2024 budget for two potential projects.

Project #1- the fully accessible playground, has been on the books for two years now for \$150,000. The Department has not proceeded with the project as the playground cost has increased tremendously recently.

The cost of a fully accessible playground in Ontario can vary significantly depending on numerous factors such as design complexity, quality of materials, site preparation, and inclusion of specialized accessible equipment. Below are the detailed factors and approximate costs you can expect:

Base Costs

1. Design and Planning:

- Custom designs that meet full accessibility standards can range from \$10,000 to \$50,000.
- Consultations with landscape architects specializing in accessible playgrounds are essential.

2. Site Preparation:

- Preparing the site, including grading, drainage, and removal of existing structures, typically costs \$30,000 to \$100,000.

Equipment Costs

1. Accessible Playground Equipment:

- Inclusive play structures range from \$150,000 to \$300,000 depending on complexity and variety.
- This includes ramps, transfer platforms, sensory panels, adaptive swings, and wheelchair-accessible merry-go-rounds.

2. Surfacing:

- Accessible surfacing is crucial for wheelchairs and mobility devices. Engineered wood fiber (EWF) costs around \$2 per square foot. Rubber tiles or poured can cost \$10 to \$20 per square foot.

3. Fencing and Landscaping:

- Safety fencing ranges from \$10,000 to \$30,000.
- Additional landscaping for both aesthetic and accessibility purposes can add another \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Additional Costs

1. Amenities:

- Bench seating, shade structures, and accessible picnic tables can add \$10,000 to \$25,000.
- Installation of accessible washroom facilities could range from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

2. Permits and Licensing:

- Regulatory approvals and insurance costs can be between \$5,000 and \$20,000.

3. Installation:

- Professional installation, including labor, can cost around \$50,000 to \$150,000, depending on the size and complexity of the playground.

Estimated Total Cost

- **Small, Basic Accessible Playground:** Approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000.
- **Large, Fully-Featured Accessible Playground:** Approximately \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

These numbers are approximate and can be influenced by other variables such as location, the need for additional custom-designed equipment, and ongoing maintenance costs.

Project #2 – Small Halls AODA Renovations, Duntroon or Brentwood Hall is part of phase 2 of the AODA renovations projects for six (6) community halls.

RJ Burnside and Allan Avis Architects completed their 2022 Clearview Halls Renovations report and provided it to the Council for their review and consideration. Council approved renovating all the halls as per the report.

During the 2024 budget deliberations meeting of November 15, 2023, Council had created the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that Council direct staff to pause moving forward with the remaining Small Halls AODA renovations, including expending funds for architectural plans, until Council has clarity on the accessibility requirements for these buildings and understand and achieve the financial requirements to complete the remaining renovations. Motion Carried.

As part of Phase 2, the Duntroon Hall and Brentwood Hall are the following two halls slated for repairs. The Duntroon Hall was estimated at approx. \$952,000 and the Brentwood Hall was estimated at \$767,000 in 2022. It is worth adding an approximation of 10% per year inflation. The total estimated costs for the Duntroon Hall project is estimated at \$1,267,112 and the Brentwood Hall at \$1,020,877 in 2025.

In Ontario, the regulations for accessibility are primarily governed by the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)**, established to identify, remove, and prevent barriers for people with disabilities. Here is a detailed breakdown:

Key Regulations Under AODA:

1. Accessibility Standards:

AODA sets out five key areas through specific standards:

- **Customer Service Standard:**
 - Requires organizations to provide goods, services, or facilities accessible to people with disabilities.
 - Establishes policies, practices, and procedures governing how services are provided.
 - Includes providing service training to staff.
- **Information and Communications Standard:**
 - Ensures accessibility of information and communications to persons with disabilities.
 - Covers public information, feedback processes, and websites.
- **Employment Standard:**
 - Focuses on accessible hiring practices.
 - Requires accommodations during recruitment, assessment, selection process, and employment lifecycle.
- **Transportation Standard:**
 - Aims to make public transportation services accessible.
 - Includes accessible vehicle requirements, fare parity, and customer service commitments.
- **Design of Public Spaces Standard:**
 - Sets requirements for newly constructed and redeveloped public spaces (e.g., recreational trails, parking, and service counters).

2. Compliance Requirements:

- Different compliance requirements depend on the type and size of the organization (e.g., public sector vs private sector).
- **Public Sector:**
 - Must comply with all aspects of the AODA standards.
 - Required to produce accessibility plans and make them publicly available.
- **Private Sector and Non-Profit:**
 - Compliance requirements vary with the organization size.
 - Small organizations (1-49 employees) have fewer reporting requirements compared to larger organizations (50+ employees).

3. Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR):

- Combines standards for information and communication, employment, and transportation into a single regulation for simpler management.

- Enforces compliance through deadlines specific to the size of the organization and the sector.
4. **Assistive Devices and Technologies:**
 - Organizations must accommodate assistive devices used by individuals with disabilities.
 - This includes making information on such provisions clearly available.
 5. **Websites and Web Content:**
 - New and significantly refreshed websites, along with web content, must meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2., initially at Level A and then Level AA.
 6. **Accessibility Policies and Training:**
 - Organizations must develop and maintain accessibility policies.
 - Staff and volunteers must be educated on AODA requirements and practices to uphold accessibility.
 7. **Ontario Human Rights Code (OHRC):**
 - Works alongside AODA to prevent discrimination based on disability.
 - Organizations must meet both AODA and OHRC requirements to ensure comprehensive protections.

Reporting and Compliance:

- **Regular Reporting:** Various deadlines for submitting compliance reports, which are mandatory for most organizations.
- **Inspections and Penalties:** The Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility conducts inspections and may issue penalties for non-compliance.

Implications:

Adhering to these regulations ensures that Ontario's municipalities, workplaces, and service providers create an inclusive environment accessible to every individual, contributing to a more equitable society.

Project #1 grant amounts to apply:

If Council would approve applying with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and Ministry of Sport towards the Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund would be for a fully accessible playground located at 269 Regina Street, Stayner Ontario, in the amount of \$200,000

Project #2 grant amounts to apply:

If Council would approve applying with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and Ministry of Sport towards the Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund for the AODA renovations of the Nottawasaga Community Center (Duntroon Hall) in the amount of \$633,556 or Brentwood Hall in the amount of \$510,438.

Financial Implications

Project #1 Accessible Playground

2024 Approved Budget \$200,000

Kinsmen Commitment: \$50,000

Clearview Kin Commitment: \$50,000

Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund: \$200,000

Total Project \$500,000

Project #2

Duntroon Hall AODA Renovations

2024 Budget \$1,267,112 (2025 estimates)

Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund: \$633,556

Total Project: \$1,727,880

Brentwood Hall AODA Renovations

2024 Budget \$1,020,877 (2025 estimates)

Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund: \$510,438

Total Project: 1,531,315

Clearview's Strategic Plan

The above initiative supports the following strategic pillars:

- Recreation & Culture

Report Appendices

Appendix A – Burnsides Small Halls Proposed Renovations Report Feb 2022

Approvals

Submitted by: Terry Vachon, Director of Parks & Recreation

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**Financial Implications
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Approved by: John Ferguson, CAO