

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL

OBJECTIVE

To provide Council with information re. the Ontario Trillium Foundation Community Building Fund Capital Stream.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report of the Special Projects manager dated September 8, 2021 be received;

AND THAT Council direct staff to apply to the Ontario Trillium Foundation Community Building Fund Capital Stream for retrofit and renovations to Collins Hall in the amount of \$386,000.



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BACKGROUND

The Collins Hall was built circa 1978 and serves as the community's main multi-use recreational facility. The facility houses sports and social events ranging from badminton and basketball to weddings and other functions. Most recently, the facility served as a mass vaccination clinic for the City.

In November of 2020, a mechanical review was conducted on the building and it was concluded that many of the components have surpassed their operation life and require replacement (report attached). This includes a new air handler with gas heat and air conditioning, perimeter heating upgrades and washroom HRV. The cost of these items has been estimated at \$270,000.

In preparation for this report, a review by the Manager of Facilities and Parks led to a short list of items that would require updating and changes in the short term. This includes lighting, renovation of the upstairs bathrooms, replacement of the vestibule/storefront and general updates to the sporting resources of the facility including basketball nets, time clock and court updates. The cost of these items has been estimated at \$116,000.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation community building fund – capital stream's details were released on August 19th after a long wait. Intake begins September 1st and closes September 29th at 5pm. This grant provides support for non-profits, Indigenous communities and Municipalities in the community sport and recreation sectors. The fund will help strengthen communities by supporting the repair, renovation or retrofitting of existing sport and recreation facilities to address local community need by extending the life and maximizing the use of existing facilities (e.g. playgrounds, splashpads, etc.). The fund offers 100% funding up to \$500,000.

ANALYSIS

If successful in the application to the grant, the funding will help to greatly extend the useful life of the Collins Hall. Aside from the very necessary mechanical updates, the other work, notably the updating of the vestibule will increase the efficiency of the building resulting in lower operating costs.

In the coming years, with the introduction of the new arts hub and the 7,000 square foot space that will be used for events such as weddings and banquets, Collins Hall will be more heavily used for sport specific activities. Therefore, the opportunity to update the sporting resources of the facility today makes sense in preparation for that eventuality, especially with 100% grant dollars.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The grant is listed as 100% dollars so there will be no impact to the Municipality except for the cost of staff time to complete the grant and oversee the work on the facility.



LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The recommendation aligns with the strategic goal of providing activities and promoting healthy lifestyles through recreation for all age groups.

SUMMARY

Staff is recommending that they be directed to apply for The Ontario Trillium Foundation community building fund – capital stream.

