



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

From: Doug Sampano, Commissioner, Community Services
Glen Cowan, Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer

Date: October 7, 2024

Report No: COMS-010-24

Subject: Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF)

Recommendation: THAT Council endorse the Town's application for the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) as outlined herein, including the selection of the Milton Sports Centre Facility Improvements project.

THAT staff be delegated the authority to prepare and submit the application to the CSRIF to the Province, as well as to make any revisions that may be required in the discretion of the Commissioner, Community Services.

THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute any agreements that may be required in relation the CSRIF program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- On August 19, 2024, the Province of Ontario announced the CSRIF funding program, which will provide \$200 million over 3 years to revitalize existing community sport and recreation infrastructure and support the construction of new facilities across the Province.
- The CSRIF is an application based program, with submissions being due no later than October 29, 2024.
- The Milton Sports Centre Facility Improvement project meets the program requirements, and will see investment in 2025 related to pool filtration, skate flooring, arena amenities and facility entrances.

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Background

The CSRIF is an application-based program that will be delivered through two streams.

Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation

The purpose of Stream 1 is to extend the lifespan of existing community sport and recreation facilities/spaces and improve local programming and accessibility features to meet community need. The CSRIF aims to create local jobs, strengthen and enliven communities, provide Ontarians with opportunities to participate in sport and recreation activities, and support the health and well-being of children, families and seniors across Ontario.

Full terms and conditions of the program will be outlined in a Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) between the Province and the municipality. Through the program the Province will fund up to 50% of the eligible costs, with the Provincial share ranging between \$150,000 and \$1,000,000. Approved projects must be completed within 24 months of the TPA. Eligible projects must (amongst other items):

- Include a capital component;
- Be for the repair or rehabilitation of a sport or recreation facility that is open primarily for use by the public;
- Extend the lifespan of an existing facility or space, maximize the use of an existing facility, or improve the health, safety, accessibility and environmental standard of an existing facility;
- Not include other Provincial Funding for the same project to which CSRIF funds will apply.

Examples of eligible uses include critical facility repairs (e.g., repairing roofs, structural defects, building hazards); installing HVAC systems; resurfacing playing fields; installing new arena boards and glass; pool repairs; expansion/retrofitting of change rooms to accommodate programming; and installing new playground equipment.

Submissions are required no later than October 29, 2024. Applications will be assessed on a competitive basis with consideration for community need and support, economic impact, service gap addressed, operating/financial capacity and value for money.

If approved for funding, the municipality will need to execute a TPA with the Province to formalize the terms and conditions and secure funding.

Stream 2: New Builds/Signature New Builds

Background

The purpose of Stream 2 is to invest in new, transformative community sport and recreation infrastructure, including assets that do not currently exist in a community or the replacement of existing assets that have reached the end of their lifespan. Although several elements are consistent with Stream 1 as described above, notable differences include:

- Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis until the funds are fully allocated (and no later than March 31, 2027);
- Funding of up to \$10 million per project is available through this program (subject to 50% cost sharing); and
- Approved projects must be completed no later than March 31, 2027.

Discussion

Stream 1

The 2025 Milton Sports Centre (MSC) Improvement project aligns with the intent and criteria of the CSRIF program. The 2025 improvements are expected to include investments to replace, rehabilitation and improve:

- the pool filtration system
- the skate flooring on rinks A and B
- the north and south entrance doors
- boards, benches and gates on Rink C

A tender process is expected to be initiated in Q2 2025, with completion of the works by the end of 2026.

The estimated budget for the works in 2025 amounts to \$1,421,608, consisting of \$876,707 for direct construction costs, \$224,494 in external consulting support (including design and contract administration), along with internal project management, contingency, and other soft costs.

Based on the alignment with the CSRIF program, it is recommended that the Town submit an application to secure funding support for the MSC Improvements.

Stream 2

Staff have reviewed the program guidelines relative to the Town's existing plans as well as options that may be available, and on that basis do not see an opportunity to apply through



Discussion

Stream 2 at this time. Staff will continue to monitor for potential options during the intake period, and should anything change a subsequent report to Council will be prepared.

Financial Impact

As noted above, the MSC Improvement project currently has an estimated budget for 2025 of \$1,421,608. As the work relates to the rehabilitation and improvement to an existing facility, any portion of the cost that is not approved for funding through the CSRIF program is likely to be funded from the Town's Infrastructure Renewal - Recreation, Facilities and Other reserve. Should the Town's application for funding through the CSRIF program be successful, 50% of the approved eligible costs will be finance through the grant funding received.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

None

Approved by CAO
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Chief Administrative Officer

Recognition of Traditional Lands

The Town of Milton resides on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee people. The Town of Milton shares this land and the responsibility for the



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water, food and resources. We stand as allies with the First Nations as stewards of these lands.