

DATE: November 30, 2018

TO: **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

NAME AND TITLE: Dave Dyer, General Manager, Engineering and Public Works

SUBJECT: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia – Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Program (ICIP CCR)

ATTACHMENT(S): None

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT City staff submit an application under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia – Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure (ICIP CCR) for the Downtown Pool Replacement Project.
2. THAT the City's Financial Officer and General Manager of Engineering and Public Works be authorized to sign grant application documents and any contract documents should grant approval be received.

#### PURPOSE:

This report is presented to request Council's support for the application made by City Staff under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia – Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure for the Downtown Pool Replacement Project.

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

In reference to the 2016 - 2018 Corporate Plan, the Downtown Pool Replacement Project will help to achieve the City's goals in fostering Clear Identity and Pride, Cultural Richness, and Sustainable Infrastructure within the community.

#### BACKGROUND:

Canada and British Columbia governments are investing up to \$134.84 million in the initial intake of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Program (ICIP CCR) Stream to support infrastructure projects in communities across the province.

The ICIP CCR Grant Program is to help communities address their infrastructure needs, while improving access to and/or increased quality of Community, Culture and Recreation infrastructure for Canadians, including Indigenous people and vulnerable populations.

Priority will be given to projects that address one or more of the following:

- Improved access to cultural, recreational and community infrastructure
- Increased quality of cultural, recreational and community infrastructure

The current funding intake opened October 17, 2018 and the application deadline is Wednesday January 23, 2019. Municipalities can apply only once per intake.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

City staff believes the Downtown Pool Replacement Project fits the program criteria and is in the process of preparing an application in order to meet the January 23, 2019 deadline.

#### Downtown Pool Replacement Project

The Four Seasons Leisure Pool is nearly 50 years old. Built in 1970, it is one of the City's two civic pools and provides nearly 80 per cent of the swimming lessons delivered in Prince George. The Four Seasons Pool received more than 120,000 visits in 2016.

In 2016, The City of Prince George engaged DIALOG and Counsilman-Hunsaker to assess the community's aquatic services which resulted in the Aquatic Needs Assessment Report. The key findings from that process were:

- The existing Four Seasons Pool is approaching the end of its service life, with compromised architectural, mechanical, structural, and electrical systems, and does not meet current building code standards – particularly with respect to accessibility.
- A recommendation was made by the consultant team that the Four Seasons Pool should be re-built near its current location with a similar design for its tanks but with larger change rooms, family/universal change rooms, better accessibility, and with public gathering spaces.

A Referendum was held on October 28, 2017. The electors voted 62.48% in favour of borrowing up to \$35 million of the funding required to build the new pool.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Funding is available up to 73.33% of the eligible project costs (40% Government of Canada, 33.33% Province of British Columbia). However, given the size of the Downtown Pool Replacement Project and the amount of funds available the City is not likely to receive the maximum eligible amount. City Staff will make application for a contribution of \$10 million dollars. The current budget for the project is \$42 million and is funded by debt and reserves.

#### **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

This report updates Council on the availability of a new *“Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia – Community, Culture and Recreation Program”* for a potential grant for the Downtown Pool Project. City staff recommends Council authorize an application under the program for a potential \$10 million grant contribution. This project fits within the program objectives and criteria to improve access and increase quality to Community, Culture and Recreation infrastructure for Canadians, including Indigenous people and vulnerable populations.

The submission deadline is January 23, 2019.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

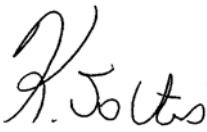


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APPROVED:



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Kathleen Soltis, City Manager

Meeting date: December 10, 2018