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**SUBJECT | TIRE STEWARDSHIP BC COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM AND  
KAL'S REPLAY FUND |**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report:**

To advise the Finance and Audit Committee that the City has applied for three grants totaling \$82,555 from the Tire Stewardship BC Community Grant Program and Kal's Replay Fund.

## **BACKGROUND**

### Tire Stewardship BC (TSBC) Community Grant Program

The TSBC Community Grant Program provides financial assistance for community projects that use BC recycled tire rubber. Eligible projects must be fully public and wheelchair accessible.

Funding may only be used towards the purchase, freight and installation of recycled rubber products made from recycled BC tires. The recycled tire products must be professionally installed and include a warranty for both the installation and product.

The program provides matching funding to a maximum of \$30,000. Only one application per applicant is permitted per year.

The grant application deadline was 2020-FEB-28. Funding announcements are expected 2020-APR-08.

### Kal's Replay Fund

Kal's Replay Fund provides financial assistance for community projects that use Canadian recycled tire rubber in provinces/territories where Kal Tire does business.

Funding may be used towards:

- the purchase, freight and installation of recycled rubber products made of scrap tires generated in Canada
- signage that promotes Kal's Replay Fund and educates the public about tire recycling.

There is no funding limit or matching requirement, but preference is given to projects that pursue multiple funding sources. Applicants are encouraged to apply for funding from their provincial tire stewardship organization (e.g. TSBC).

The grant application deadline was 2020-FEB-29. Funding announcements are expected by the end of April 2020.

## **DISCUSSION**

The City has applied for \$82,555 in grants for two projects that meet the eligibility requirements of the TSBC Community Grant Program and Kal's Replay Fund. These projects were approved by Council in the 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan. Any grants received will offset and reduce funding used from reserves.

| Project Name                                                         | Grants Applied For |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Maffeo Sutton Park Inclusive Playground (Phase 1)                    | \$55,802           |
| Harewood Centennial Park Accessible and Inclusive Playground Upgrade | \$26,753           |

### **Maffeo Sutton Park Inclusive Playground (Phase 1)**

Phase 1 of this project will see a portion of the existing playground removed and feature new, inclusive playground equipment for children ages 5 to 12. Improvements will be made to the safety surfacing, which includes pour in place rubber. Construction is scheduled to begin in March 2020 and be complete in May 2020. Total project budget is approximately \$607,000.

The cost of purchasing and installing the pour-in-place rubber surfacing is \$55,802. The maximum contribution available from the TSCB Community Grant Program would be \$27,901. The maximum contribution available from Kal's Replay Fund would be \$55,802. If successful, combined grants from TSBC and Kal's Replay Fund would cover the entire cost of the rubber surfacing.

### **Harewood Centennial Park Accessible and Inclusive Playground Upgrade**

Phase 1 of this project includes the removal of all pea gravel surfacing from 10,000 square feet and replacing with a combination of wood fibre surfacing and pour-in-place rubber safety surfacing, and installation of an accessible wheelchair swing. Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2020 and be complete in September 2020. Total project budget is approximately \$37,000.

The cost of purchasing and installing the pour-in-place rubber surfacing is \$26,753. If successful, a grant from Kal's Replay Fund would offset the entire cost of the rubber surfacing.

## **CONCLUSION**

The City is actively pursuing other revenues such as grants to help offset the costs of Parks, Recreation & Culture playground upgrade projects.

### **SUMMARY POINTS**

- The City has applied for three grants totalling \$82,555 from the TSBC Community Grant Program and Kal's Replay Fund.
- Funding announcements are expected in April 2020.
- Grants applications were submitted for the Maffeo Sutton Park Inclusive Playground project and Harewood Centennial Park Accessible and Inclusive Playground Upgrade project.
- If successful, these grants will reduce funding used from reserves.
- These projects are expected to be completed in 2020.

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