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SUBJECT KAL'S REPLAY FUND

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To advise the Finance and Audit Committee that the City has submitted a grant application totaling \$28,519 to Kal Tire's RePlay Fund.

BACKGROUND

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 following:

- the purchase, freight and installation of recycled rubber products made of scrap tires generated in Canada,
- signage that promotes the product is made from recycled tires and was supported by Kal's RePlay Fund.

There is no funding limit or matching requirement for the application. Key requirements in the application included the following:

- proposed product must be made from recycled rubber from scrap tires in Canada,
- the proposed project aims to be inclusive, accessible, and provide multiple benefits to the community,
- projects must be complete within 18 months of the signed project agreement.

The grant application deadline was 2021-Feb-28. Funding will be awarded and announced by the end of April-2021.

DISCUSSION

The City has applied for up to \$28,519 in funding for the Harewood Centennial Park Accessible and Inclusive Playground Upgrade project. This project met the eligibility requirements listed above and is included in the 2021 – 2025 Financial Plan. Any grant funding received will reduce City funding sources.

Harewood Centennial Park Accessible and Inclusive Playground Upgrade

Phase 1 of this project includes the removal of all pea gravel surfacing from 10,000 sq ft and replacing it with a combination of wood fibre surfacing and poured in place recycled rubber surfacing. The project will be inclusive to people with diverse abilities by having a level playground surface surrounding an accessible merry-go-round and swing. The project is scheduled to begin 2021-Sept-01 and be complete by 2021-Sept-30.

The total project budget is approximately \$75,000 of which a contribution of \$31,209 has already been received from the Nanaimo Lion's Club. The cost of purchasing and installing the poured in place rubber surfacing is \$28,519.

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 up to \$28,519 in funding from Kal's RePlay Fund for the Harewood Centennial Park Accessible and Inclusive Playground Upgrade project.
- Funding announcements are expected end of April 2021
- Any grant funding received will reduce City funding sources.
- Estimated project completion date is end of September.

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