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SUBJECT TIRE STEWARDSHIP BC GRANT

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To advise the Finance and Audit Committee that the City has submitted a grant application totaling \$14,635 for the Harewood Centennial Park Accessible and Inclusive Playground Upgrade project.

BACKGROUND

Tire Stewardship BC (TSBC) Community Grant Program

The TSBC Community Grant Program's primary objective is to bring products manufactured from recycled BC scrap tires "full circle" back to BC communities. This is achieved by providing financial support to communities who have decided to use recycled tire products in their projects. Eligible projects include a project that uses BC recycled rubber and is fully public and wheelchair accessible.

Funding may only be used towards the purchase, freight and installation of recycled tire products. Funding used towards installation will only be given if there is a written warranty provided by the installer.

The program provides matching funding up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$30,000 and only one application will be permitted in any given year.

The grant application deadline was 2021-MAR-31. Funding announcements are expected no later than 2021-MAY-14.

DISCUSSION

The City has applied for funding totaling \$14,635 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.

A grant application was already submitted to Kal's Replay Fund for the Harewood Centennial Park project. This project was the only 2021 project identified to be eligible for this type of grant funding.

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 schedule has been revised to begin 2021-MAY-24 and be complete by 2021-JUN-07.

The total project in the 2021-2025 Financial Plan is approximately \$75,000 of which a contribution of \$31,209 has already been received from the Nanaimo Lion's Club. The remaining \$43,791 will be funded from reserves unless grant funding is received. The cost of purchasing and installing the poured in place rubber surfacing is \$29,270.

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 \$14,635 in funding from the Tire Stewardship BC Community Grant Program for the Harewood Centennial Park Accessible and Inclusive Playground Upgrade project.
- Funding announcements are expected no later than 2021-MAY-14.
- Any grant funding received will reduce City funding sources.
- Estimated project completion date is end of June.

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