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SUBJECT CANADA COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FUND

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To advise the Finance and Audit Committee that the City has submitted a grant application for Maffeo Sutton Playground Phase 2 totaling \$413,300 to the Canada Community Revitalization Fund.

BACKGROUND

Canada Community Revitalization Fund

The Canada Community Revitalization Fund supports communities across Canada in building and improving community infrastructure projects, to help bring people back into public spaces safely as health measures ease, and to create jobs and stimulate local economies.

Eligible projects will:

- Adapt and reimagine/re-envision community spaces, maintain accessibility standards so they may safely be used by communities in accordance with social distancing and local public health guidelines to help revitalize areas and support future planning efforts;
- Building or improving community infrastructure through the expansion, improvement or creation of community spaces to encourage Canadians to re-engage in and explore their communities and regions.

Funding is available up to 75% of total eligible costs, and stacking to 100% funding is permitted.

Eligible projects will be prioritized in the following order:

- Revitalize downtown cores and main streets;
- Reinvent outdoor spaces;
- Create green infrastructure; and,
- Increase the accessibility of community spaces.

The grant application deadline was 2021-JUL-23. Funding will be awarded and announced by the early fall of 2021. |

DISCUSSION

Due to the tight timeline for the grant application submission, City staff were not able to bring a listing of projects to Council for their consideration.

The City has applied for funding from the Canada Community Revitalization Fund of \$413,300 for the Maffeo Sutton Playground Phase 2 project. This project met the eligibility requirements of the funding stream and is included in the approved 2021-2025 Financial Plan. The results of the grant application for \$250,000 to the Canadian Healthy Communities Initiative for the Maffeo Sutton Playground Phase 2 project are still pending. Any grant funding received from the submissions will reduce the City's portion of funding for the project.

Maffeo Sutton Playground Phase 2

Phase 2 of this project will include the supply and installation of an inclusive, accessible playground for 2-5 years old. Phase 2 of the project will include upgraded safety surfacing, the inclusion of First Nations artwork and additional landscaping. The project is currently scheduled for 2023, but will be accelerated to be completed by June 2022 if funding is received.

The total project budget is approximately \$663,300. |

CONCLUSION

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

SUMMARY POINTS

- The City has applied for funding up to \$413,300 from the Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the Maffeo Sutton Playground Phase 2 project, in addition to \$250,000 of funding already applied for under the Canadian Healthy Communities Initiative.
- Funding announcements are expected by the early fall of 2021.
- If successful, these grants will reduce the City's portion of funding for the project.

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