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SUBJECT GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE HARRY WIPPER PARK

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report:

To advise the Finance and Audit Committee that the City has submitted a grant application to the Nanaimo Foundation's "Give Where You Live" fund for the Rocky Point Neighbourhood Association's Partners in Parks Project at Harry Wipper Park.

BACKGROUND

The Nanaimo Foundation's "Give Where You Live" fund provides grants towards capital projects and pilot projects to a maximum of \$15,000 for initiatives within Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Cedar, Gabriola Island and Lantzville. Qualified donees include registered charities and municipalities. The fund supports projects that:

- Demonstrate need, likelihood of effectiveness, and potential to serve as a model to others;
- Build on the strengths of the community to respond to identified issues and priorities;
- Align with Nanaimo Foundation's mission to steward gifts of energy, ideas, time and money to make meaningful and lasting impacts in our community.

The grant application deadline was 2024-MAR-31 and it is anticipated that funding will be announced in the summer of 2024.

DISCUSSION

On 2023-MAY-17 the Finance and Audit Committee approved \$50,000 from the Partners In Parks (PIP) Program funds to The Rocky Point Neighbourhood Association's proposed PIP Project to install a playground at Harry Wipper Park. The total project cost is anticipated to be \$130,000, which required the Rocky Point Neighborhood Association to raise the remaining \$80,000. The association have successfully raised the funds to begin work on the PIP playground project, the target was met by raising \$42,250 in cash donations and also by receiving a number of in-kind contributions including site preparation, construction fencing, and playground installation labour.

Members of the Rocky Point Neighbourhood Association recently identified the Nanaimo Foundation's "Give Where You Live" fund as a potential funding source to cover additional amenities to the Park in addition to those included within the current scope of the PIP project. These amenities include benches, picnic tables, a bike rack and a water fountain. These additional amenities make the site more comfortable for users but are not part of the original project scope and therefore not essential to the project and are not required in order for the project to proceed.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan will be amended to increase the budget for the project from \$130,000 to \$145,000 if the grant application is successful. Funding announcements are expected this summer.

CONCLUSION

The City pursues other revenues such as grants to provide funds for projects currently in the Financial Plan that benefit the community.

SUMMARY POINTS

- The City has submitted a grant application to the “Give Where you Live” fund which offers up to \$15,000 in grant funding.
- The Rocky Point PIP group have successfully raised the funds to begin work on the PIP playground project at Harry Wipper Park.
- Funding announcements are expected this summer, which if successful, will see additional amenities added to the PIP project.

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