

FOR: FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: March 18, 2026

DEPARTMENT: FINANCIAL PLANNING

SUBJECT: **KAL'S REPLAY FUND 2026 INTAKE**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To advise Finance and Audit Committee and Council that the City has submitted a grant application to the Kal's Replay Fund for up to \$20,000 for the Barney Moriez Park Improvements project.

BACKGROUND

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 2026-FEB-28. Funding announcements are expected no later than 2026-APR-30.

DISCUSSION

The City has submitted an application for funding under the Kal's RePlay Fund up to \$20,000 for the Barney Moriez Park Improvements project. This project met the eligibility requirements listed above and is included in the 2026 – 2030 Provisional Financial Plan. Any grant funding received will reduce City funding sources.

The Barney Moriez Improvement project will include removing an existing playground and the existing pea gravel surfacing and replacing it with a new accessible playground. Rubber surfacing and engineered

wood fiber will be used as new playground surfacing to improve safety and accessibility. Rubber surfacing may be used on the slope around the existing steel slides to allow the slides to remain in place and comply with current playground safety standards. The new playground will include a ramp into the play area and a variety of play features for users with diverse abilities. The project is scheduled to begin in summer 2026 and be completed by fall 2026.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The total project budget is \$280,100. The estimated cost of purchasing and installing the poured in place rubber surfacing is \$32,751.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This initiative does not require a statutory notification or include community engagement activities. |

ALIGNMENT WITH CITY PLAN

The report is aligned with the following City goals:

- A Green Nanaimo: Resilient and Regenerative Ecosystems
- A Connected Nanaimo: Equitable Access and Mobility
- A Healthy Nanaimo: Community Wellbeing and Livability
 - C3.6 Recreation, Culture & Wellness
- An Empowered Nanaimo: Reconciliation, Representation and Inclusion
- A Prosperous Nanaimo: Thriving and Resilient Economy |

ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The report is aligned with the following Council Strategic Framework priorities

- Implementing City Plan Action Plans and Key City Management Plans
- Social, Health and Public Safety Challenges
- Maintaining and Growing Current Services
- Capital Projects
- Communicating with the Community
- Governance and Corporate Excellence

KEY MESSAGES

- The City has applied for up to \$20,000 in funding from the Kal's RePlay Fund for the Barney Moriez Playground project.
- Funding announcements are expected no later than 2026-APR-30.
- Any grant funding received will reduce City funding sources.
- The project is estimated to commence June 2026.

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