

Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Finance, Budget and Information Technology Services
Financial Services
Information Report

To: Mayor and Members of Council
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Date: November 25, 2019
Subject: Proposed Arena Complex

This report is for the information of Council.

Background

Council approved the following recommendation at the May 27, 2019 Council meeting:

Administration to proceed immediately with primary architectural work and land acquisition options.

Council approved the following recommendation at the October 7, 2019 Council meeting:

Administration be approved to submit an application to the Community, Culture and Recreation Funding Stream – Multi-Purpose Category to maximize the grant funds from the senior levels of government for the smaller size twin-pad entertainment centre and multi-sport complex (seating capacity 2200 / 200 / 200) based on a maximum project cost of \$60M. Potential future investments in architectural design, land acquisition, outdoor sports fields, servicing and traffic mitigation costs are not included in the \$60M.

Council approved the following motion at the November 4, 2019 Council meeting:

“That

- 1. Administration report to Council reporting all funds spent or committed to be spent for any matter whatsoever relating to the proposed arena complex, and*
- 2. Administration update council on these expenditures quarterly, and*
- 3. Administration report monthly on the status of any provincial and federal amounts to Chatham-Kent for this proposal.”*

Comments

A grant application was submitted to the Province of Ontario as part of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream (Multi-Purpose Stream) intake on November 12, 2019. The Province is expected to assess and approve applications within 8 weeks of submission. Projects approved by the Province then move to the Federal Government for review and approval which is expected to take 2 to 4 months.

One of the criteria on which projects are being evaluated is project readiness. At the Council meeting on May 27, 2019 Council directed administration to proceed with architectural work and site selection options in order to meet the grant submission requirements. Chatham-Kent issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to complete the architectural design requirements of this project. The project was awarded to Brisbin Brook Beynon Architects and the architectural design requirements for the application have subsequently been completed.

In addition to the architectural design, the Municipality has also utilized the services of a consultant to work with municipal staff and the architect to prepare and submit the grant application.

Environmental testing was conducted on the municipally owned perimeter of 508 Richmond St, Chatham, a site being considered for the project.

The costs related to this project are summarized below:

Architectural Design	\$61,957
Consulting Services (Grant Application)	3,536
Environmental Testing	239,543
TOTAL	\$305,036

Consultation

No other departments were consulted on this report.

Financial Implications

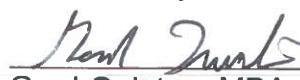
The total arena complex costs incurred or committed to date are \$305,036. Council has committed to funding up to \$18.5M if the grant application is approved.

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Attachment(s): None

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