

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

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Matt Torrance, MBA, CPA, CGA
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Date: February 12, 2020
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 on November 12, 2019 as part of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream (Multi-Purpose Stream) intake. The Province had expected to assess and announce the approved applications in February 2020, however there was an overwhelming response which has resulted in a revised target date of July 2020. Projects approved by the Province then move to the Federal Government for review and approval which is expected to take 2 to 4 months.

Administration reported at the December 9, 2019 Council meeting that costs incurred or committed to date totalled \$305,036. Since that time, an additional \$4,082 in consulting fees and \$4,681 in environmental assessment expenses were realized. There are no funds currently committed to be spent.

The costs related to this project to date are summarized below:

Architectural Design	\$61,957
Consulting Services (Grant Application)	7,618
Environmental Testing	244,224
TOTAL	\$313,799

Consultation

No other departments were consulted on this report.

Financial Implications

The total arena complex costs incurred or committed to date are \$313,799. 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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