

**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:** June 1, 2020  
**Subject:** Proposed Arena Complex – June Update

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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. Prior to the COVID19 emergency, the Province announced that it expected to review and assess grant applications by July 2020. The Province has not provided an update as to whether this timeline will be affected by the COVID19 emergency. Once the projects are approved by the Province, the applications move to the Federal Government for review and approval which is expected to take 2 to 4 months.

Administration reported at the March 2, 2020 Council meeting that costs incurred or committed to date totalled \$313,799. Since that time, no additional expenses have been incurred. 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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$313,799</b>

## **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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