
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: NEW WATERFRONT BASKETBALL COURT AND ARTIFICIAL ICE RINK

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That a non-standard procurement for the installation of a new waterfront basketball court facility and artificial ice rink in Centennial Park be endorsed.
2. That the funding plan for the new waterfront basketball court and artificial ice rink be amended by reducing funding from the Tax Capital Reserve by \$80,000 (to \$142,580) and increasing funding from donations by \$80,000.
3. That the funding plan for the new waterfront basketball court and artificial ice rink be amended by reducing funding from the Tax Capital Reserve by \$142,580 and changed to Cash-In-Lieu funding.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

4. The purpose of Staff Report ENG001-17 is to amend the funding plan for this project and seek Council approval of a non-standard procurement for the installation of the basketball court facility and artificial ice rink. This is proposed to avoid the potential for multiple contractor issues within the same work zone in the park (time and space requirements), and efforts by staff to reduce the time required to secure tender award so that construction can meet the timelines associated with the funding grant.
5. The City was approached by two local businesses to create a basketball facility on the waterfront to increase activities for the public while acting as a summer attraction on Barrie's waterfront. In initial conversations with City staff, the two businesses agreed to a donation of \$80,000 towards the development of a 3-on-3 basketball court facility to allow for general public play on the waterfront in a similar fashion to how the waterfront fitness equipment donations were received by the City. Additional information to recognize the donation will be provided in a subsequent report to Council.
6. Typically, a single basketball court can host two 3-on-3 basketball games, so the City recommended the installation of a single basketball court. Using this donation as an incentive, the City considered combining this opportunity as a chance to relocate and retrofit the City's existing portable artificial ice rink in Centennial Park as a permanent ice surface for a four season destination.

7. The City identified a grant opportunity and applied for the Ontario 150 Grant, through the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), on September 14, 2016. This program was created to help support initiatives that celebrate and commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Canada and Ontario. The aim of this program was to align with OTF's priority outcomes/investment strategies which include, but are not limited to, increasing community activity and social interaction, and improving the quality of life for people in Ontario.
8. On December 9, 2016, the City was notified confidentially that it was successful in receiving the \$260,000 Ontario 150 Grant: Community Capital Stream towards the new waterfront basketball court and artificial ice rink project. The grant was announced publicly on January 31, 2017.
9. The evaluation criteria for this grant program stated that the project must be a repair, renovation or retrofit to an existing City asset and the project must be "shovel ready". The project must begin no earlier than January 1, 2017, and must be completed by March 31, 2018.
10. Centennial Park is classified as a "primary activity centre" in the Waterfront and Marina Strategic Plan. Creating a diverse range of recreational activities on the waterfront is one of the principles of the Strategic Plan so the "double use" of a hard surface court for year-round public recreation will help to provide a diversity of activity and enhance the public's enjoyment of Barrie's central waterfront.
11. Upon review of the program with the donors, City staff suggested the location occupied by the former mini-golf facility so that the court could be combined with the existing volleyball courts as a small court "hub" of high energy summer sports. This area does not have any current programming requirements and can be used without noise impacts on the existing condominiums along Lakeshore Drive. As this southerly end of Centennial Park is being reconstructed through the Centennial Park Phase 3 Contract, both new electrical and water servicing will be available in the general vicinity of the proposed court location. Both these services can be extended to accommodate this proposed four season use. Provisions are being made for future sanitary servicing should the potential for an equipment (mechanical) washroom building be required. This minor service connection can be accommodated within the existing contract for the park.

ANALYSIS

12. The City currently has a project being constructed on the Centennial Park site, which includes updating and improving the waterfront beach and Centennial Park south parking lot. As the artificial ice rink and basketball court is located within a current construction zone, there would be some issues with having another contractor working on the project (2 contractors working within 1 work zone).
13. The project that is currently occurring at Centennial Park went through a public procurement process and a number of contractors bid on the project (approximately 8 in total). The City awarded the contract to a contractor and they have been working on the reconstruction of the park over the last 12 months. Many of the line items that would be a part of the artificial ice rink and basketball court are currently in the contractor's contract such as grading, excavation, concrete, etc. Conversations with staff indicate that the contractor is performing well and has been cooperative throughout construction within this waterfront park.
14. The contractor working on the Centennial Park site was recently the successful bidder on the Memorial Square/Meridian Place Site Redevelopment project. Considering that this contractor has been successful on two mayor City projects, the contractor has established a track record of providing a competitive market value in accordance with industry standards. Failing to award to the same contractor could result in time delays to current on-going projects causing unnecessary expense.

15. The design is currently being completed by staff for the basketball court and artificial ice rink. Once the design is complete, staff will negotiate the scope and schedule with the contractor to meet the timeline requirements of the Ontario 150 Grant (by March 2018) for the basketball court and artificial ice rink. During negotiations, staff will ensure that the completion date for the Centennial Park contract is not negatively impacted.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

16. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

17. The following Alternative is available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1 General Committee could not approve the proposed recommendation to negotiate and award the project based on non-standard procurement.

This Alternative is not recommended as the City has benefited from the funding received and the partnerships with external groups and may not meet the completion timelines due to contractor issues.

FINANCIAL

18. The Ontario 150 Grant in the amount of \$260,000 will be paid in two parts (\$234,000 in March 2017, release of 10% holdback \$26,000 in April 2018 upon successful project completion).
19. Staff have held conversations with the two local businesses on their commitment to fund the construction of two 1/2 basketball courts (equivalent to one full sized basketball court) on Barrie's waterfront for public use and enjoyment. This funding contribution will be received prior to the commencement of construction.
20. The current and proposed funding plans are as follows:

Source	Funding Plan	
	Current	Proposed
Ontario 150 Grant	\$ 260,000	\$ 260,000
Tax Capital Reserve	\$ 222,580	
Cash-in-Lieu Reserve		\$ 142,580
Development Charges	\$ 147,420	\$ 147,420
Donations	-	\$ 80,000
Total	\$ 630,000	\$ 630,000

21. Operational requirements for the basketball court and artificial ice rink will vary by the season. Summer seasonal maintenance will require additional work beyond regular park upkeep including inspections of basketball net/backboards/poles, lighting and site furniture with additional scope for court sweeping (being next to the beach volleyball courts). Winter maintenance will be consistent to the current portable ice rink snow clearing operations including path clearing, ice rink snow removal, portable fencing and rink hockey boards and daily flooding. Currently, these winter operational costs for the ice rink include approximately \$10,000 for hydro and approximately \$2,000 for water use, but the future costs for the artificial ice rink are expected to be further reduced by having a permanent structure. Both the summer and winter maintenance expenditures are being absorbed into the Operating budgets of both the Roads, Parks and Fleet and Recreation Services Departments.

LINKAGE TO 2014 – 2018 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

22. The recommendation included in this Staff Report support the following goal identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan:
- Inclusive Community
23. This project would continue to promote the waterfront as a four season destination.