



Staff Report

Report To: West Elgin Council

From: Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer

Date: 2024-09-12

Subject: Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund Grant Funding Opportunity

Recommendation:

That the West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from M. Badura, CAO/Treasurer re: Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund Grant funding opportunity;

And That, the West Elgin Council the submission of a grant application for the purpose of arena renovations;

And That, the Municipality of West Elgin shall partner with the Municipality of Dutton-Dunwich to strengthen the grant application.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to inform the council of the recent grant announcement from the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund, which aligns with our arena renovation plans, and to request the council's endorsement to move forward with the application process.

Background:

In 2023, the Municipality of West Elgin received \$250,000 from the Kraftville prize for arena renovation. This amount, along with a \$150,000 contribution from the West Elgin Council, was placed in a newly established reserve fund. As of January 1, 2024, the reserve fund dedicated to the arena renovation totals \$400,000.

On August 19, 2024, staff received an email from the Ministry of Sport announcing the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF). This new \$200-million, three-year infrastructure fund aims to support Ontario's growing communities by funding new and revitalized local sport and recreation facilities across the province.

The CSRIF is a two-stream, application-based program. It is recommended that the municipality take advantage of Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation, which offers funding between \$150,000 and \$1 million to extend the lifespan of existing community sport and recreation facilities, improve local programming, and enhance accessibility features. The application deadline is Tuesday, October 29, 2024. The provincial government will cover up to 50% of eligible project costs, and under special circumstances, municipalities with fewer than 20,000 residents may receive up to 70% coverage. Approved projects must be completed within 24 months, with all expenses incurred within that timeframe.

This grant aligns perfectly with our arena renovation plans and would significantly accelerate the project, as securing funding is our top priority.

Once the council endorses this application submission, staff will reach out to the arena renovation committee for additional information needed to move forward with the application process.

Financial Implications:

2025 Capital Budget

Policies/Legislation:

N/A

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin’s infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer

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