

## Arena Board

### Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) Application Update

Further to the Arena Board endorsement of an application to the CSRIF, staff have been reviewing the program requirements, eligible components and application requirements. Based on this review and prior capital approvals, staff is proposing to include the following components in the grant application. Most components have been reviewed and considered in the past, but ensuring the Board is supportive of including all items would be beneficial. The CSRIF grant can be up to \$1,000,000. At 50% funding, this would allow for a \$2,000,000 project overall. Including of all components would maximize the grant and obtain 50% funding on all components.

While requesting special consideration and funding at 70% is a possibility, the maximum grant remains at \$1,000,000 and we have been advised that the special consideration will only be for extreme cases ie. Facility is severely damaged or not usable, critical facility system fails, hazardous material removal, major industry closes or moves dramatically affecting the viability of a community, northern communities, etc.

The cost estimates included below are still being finalized and are included to indicate the magnitude of costs for the components.

<b>Component</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Creation of 2 additional dressing rooms from ticket booth, entrance and office area	\$1,125,000
Addition to front of arena – Entrance and Office	Incl. above
Renovation of canteen area – expand warm room space	Incl. above
Washroom Renovation to address Accessibility	Incl. above
Existing Dressing Rooms – cosmetic improvements (paint, flooring, fixtures as needed)	Incl. above
Dehumidifier Replacement (Planned for 2025)	\$240,000
Replacement of dasher boards, glass and benches (identified – no timeline in capital forecast)	\$275,000
Engineering/Architect/Permit/Signage	\$140,500
<b>Total Estimated Project</b>	<b>\$1,905,500</b>

At 50% funding, the potential grant is \$952,750 for all components.

Based on the current reserve balances, 2024 transfers and Kraft Hockey funds, there is \$440,000 available for this project. With the grant, the balance to be funded would be \$512,750.

The project needs to be completed by March 31, 2027. In order to properly plan out the renovation and avoid any impact on the ice season, detailed engineering would likely take place in 2025, with renovation/addition in 2026. The dehumidifier, and possibly dasher board replacements could take place in 2025. The additional funding required for the project could be spread over 2025-2027 to align with the project activity, or slightly longer if needed.

While inclusion of all components makes a for a significant project, funding at 50% would provide the most significant benefit to the municipalities and facility users.

Recommendation:

That the Arena Board endorse inclusion of all components listed for the CSRIF Application.