



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee **Date:** January 7, 2019
From: Elizabeth Ayers **File:** 06-2052-25-
 Director, Recreation and Sport Services SC CR1/Vol 01
Re: **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture and Recreation Stream**

Staff Recommendation

1. That the submission to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture and Recreation Stream requesting funding of up to \$10 million for the Steveston Community Centre and Branch Library replacement project, as outlined in the report titled, "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture and Recreation Stream," dated January 7, 2019, from the Director, Recreation and Sport Services, be endorsed;
2. That the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Community Services be authorized to enter into funding agreements with the government for the aforementioned project should it be approved for funding, as outlined in the report titled, "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture and Recreation Stream," dated January 7, 2019, from the Director, Recreation and Sport Services; and
3. That the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2019-2023) be amended accordingly should the aforementioned project be approved for funding as outlined in the report titled, "Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture and Recreation Stream," dated January 7, 2019, from the Director, Recreation and Sport Services.

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Staff Report

Origin

In the Fall of 2018, Infrastructure Canada and the Province of British Columbia announced the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture and Recreation (CCR) Stream for infrastructure projects in communities across the province. The program supports projects that improve citizens' access to or the quality of cultural, recreational and community spaces. The initial funding available is \$134.84 million, with applications due by January 23, 2019.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement for the application submission to the CCR Stream for grant funding of up to \$10 million for the Steveston Community Centre and Branch Library replacement project, which is part of the 2020 capital projects submissions and will be included in the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2019-2023), subject to Council approval.

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #2 A Vibrant, Active and Connected City:

Continue the development and implementation of an excellent and accessible system of programs, services, and public spaces that reflect Richmond's demographics, rich heritage, diverse needs, and unique opportunities, and that facilitate active, caring, and connected communities.

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #3 A Well-Planned Community:

Adhere to effective planning and growth management practices to maintain and enhance the livability, sustainability and desirability of our City and its neighbourhoods, and to ensure the results match the intentions of our policies and bylaws.

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #5 Partnerships and Collaboration:

Continue development and utilization of collaborative approaches and partnerships with intergovernmental and other agencies to help meet the needs of the Richmond community.

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #6 Quality Infrastructure Networks:

Continue diligence towards the development of infrastructure networks that are safe, sustainable, and address the challenges associated with aging systems, population growth, and environmental impact.

Analysis

Funding Requirements

The CCR Stream is to support projects that provide improved access to or increased quality of cultural, recreational and community infrastructure. Projects must be community oriented, non-commercial in nature and open for public use. In the case of a community centre, the facility should have multipurpose spaces that bring together a variety of services, programs and cultural activities that reflect local community needs.

Only one project per municipality may be submitted and projects approved for funding must be completed within five to six years, or by March 31, 2024.

Total funding available for the initial phase of the CCR Stream is \$134.84 million. Funding requests must be a minimum of \$150,000 and, while there is no stated maximum, the guidelines ask applicants to consider a fair distribution of funding. Staff have been advised that a request for up to \$10 million is appropriate; however, options for a lesser amount and/or phasing of funding should be also included in the application. A successful grant application does not preclude the City from applying for other grant opportunities so long as the total provincial and federal contribution does not exceed 73.33 per cent of the total project cost.

Steveston Community Centre and Branch Library Replacement

The advanced planning and design for the Steveston Community Centre and Branch Library replacement was approved by Council in 2016 as part of the Phase Two Major Facilities Projects. Subsequently, the Steveston Community Centre and Branch Library project is part of the 2020 capital projects submissions and will be included in the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2019-2023), subject to Council approval.

Staff considered other Phase Two Major Facilities Projects as options for submission; however, the Steveston Community Centre and Branch Library replacement project best fits the criteria for the grant as a multipurpose and multidisciplinary community hub that meets identified community needs. It also has the largest potential value for grant funding as it is the Phase Two Major Facilities Project with the greatest capital cost to the City. Therefore, it is recommended that a funding request for the Steveston Community Centre and Branch Library replacement project be submitted to the CCR Stream.

The building program for the Steveston Community Centre and Branch Library is in the process of being confirmed and a report to Council to endorse the preferred program is expected this Spring. Following confirmation of the program, staff will proceed with the concept design and site location for the facility.

In order to meet the project completion timelines as stated in the CCR Stream funding guidelines, staff will require Council's approval of the concept design and site for the replacement facility by late Fall of 2019. In addition, staff will make adjustments such as fast-tracking the design and construction procurement processes to ensure the CCR Stream's project

eligibility requirements are met, as the current project schedule does not align with the grant funding timelines.

Financial Impact

The City of Richmond will be requesting up to \$10 million towards the Steveston Community Centre and Branch Library replacement project under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture and Recreation (CCR) Stream.

Capital funding for the Steveston Community Centre and Branch Library replacement project has been included in the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2019-2023) funded by the capital building and infrastructure reserve and the revolving fund, subject to Council approval, as part of the 2019 budget process. Should the City be successful with the grant application, the amount received will replace the City funding which is currently allocated to the project.

Conclusion

Staff are seeking Council's endorsement to submit an application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community, Culture, and Recreation Stream for the Steveston Community Centre and Branch Library replacement project. The City of Richmond is requesting up to \$10 million of grant funding for the project.



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