



Council Report

Report Number: CS2024-005

Meeting Date: March 19, 2024

Title: **Re-allocation of Capital Project 950230121 Norland Ball Diamond Lights Funds**

Description: The local VMC of the Norland Recreation Centre has requested re-allocation of the funds approved for the Norland Ball Diamond Lights to complete the community project construction of an outdoor ice/rink recreation pad.

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Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2024-005, **Re-allocation of Capital Project 950230121 Norland Ball Diamond Lights Funds**, be received; and

That Council re-allocate the previously approved \$100,000.00 for the Norland Ward Park Ball Diamond Lights from Capital Project 950230121 to assist the Volunteer Management Committee in the completion of the Norland Ward Park outdoor ice/rink recreation pad.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

Through the 2023 budget process and approvals, Capital Project 950230121 Norland Ball Diamond Lights was approved for Norland Ward Park in the amount of \$100,000.00. This was to enhance the ball diamond by providing extending playing times and was requested in consultation with the local Volunteer Management Committee (VMC).

The VMC has requested to re-allocate these funds for use to complete the Norland Ward Park Ice/Rink Recreation Pad project.

The Volunteer Management Committee moves to request to re-allocate the Approved Capital Funding from the Ball Diamond Lighting Project in the amount of \$100,000 to the Ice Rink Project currently underway and so far being funded through Trillium grants, Norland Reserves and public fundraising.

This report addresses this request.

Rationale:

As stated, in 2023 Council approved a capital project for lights to enhance the Norland Ward Park ball diamond through the Parkland in Lieu Reserve. Simultaneously, the VMC initiated and proceeded, with municipal approval, the development of a full-season outdoor ice/rink recreation pad. The pad component of this project is complete and has been utilized with much success in Norland this winter providing an additional outdoor recreational opportunity for the community. Of major importance is that to date the project has not utilized any taxpayer funding and has been funded through local fundraising efforts, Ontario Trillium Funds and a local City Reserve designed for public improvement projects in Norland and Area. The VMC, with local Councillor and staff support, would utilize the re-allocated funds towards completing the pad with amenities such as boards, lights, etc. to be able to further expand the use of the pad.

To date the VMC and community have raised and spent approximately \$200,000 on the ice pad project. This has been with no taxpayer funding support. They have been successful in raising another \$40,000 towards the completion of the project and have \$130,000 of work remaining to bring to completion. The re-allocation of the previously approved \$100,000.00 would allow for this project to be completed.

This re-allocation request is fully supported by the local Ward Councillor and staff and would support the Council appointed VMC and complete a successful and well-used new amenity within the municipal Norland Ward Park.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could choose to decline this request and proceed with the existing Norland Ball Diamond Lights project. However, staff support the request to re-allocate the funding to complete the pad project as it will better enhance the Ward Park property and allow for greater use of the amenity and support the local volunteer committee.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

This action aligns with the following City of Kawartha Lakes strategic priorities:

1. An Exceptional Quality of Life
2. Good Government

The Strategic Plan is available on SharePoint at the following link:

[Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan 2020-2023](#)

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial impacts resulting from this recommendation as it is requesting re-allocation of existing approved funding from the Parkland in Lieu Reserve. The proposed lights at the Norland Ward Park ball diamond can be considered and budgeted in a future year.

Consultations:

Councillor Yeo, Ward 1
Norland Recreation Centre Volunteer Management Committee
Corporate Services Department
Parks and Recreation Division

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