

Topic: Hycrest Place Community Association – Major Capital Grant Request

Introduction:

As per Policy C-RP03, Hycrest Place Community Association's request for \$13,768.98 under the Sustainability Grant – Major Capital Project for replacing their outdoor rink is being presented to Council for consideration.

Background Information:

Hycrest Place Community Association has a skating rink which is reaching the end of its life-cycle. The rink boards and asphalt pad are all beyond repair due to significant damage by poplar roots, inadequate installation and thickness of the pad. The rink was originally located at the base of the hill next to the pond to allow for easy flooding, however this has not worked out as anticipated due to the manual labour required to install the pump and run hoses from the pond each time the rink needs to be done. In addition, the secluded location causes some concerns with the safety and security of the users and has contributed to a lack of spontaneous use of the rink.

The new 60 x 80 rink will be built adjacent to the parking area at the top of the hill with new boards and an asphalt base for multi-season use. The new location will address concerns over visibility of the users and ease of access for a water truck to flood the rink as needed. The existing rink boards and asphalt surface will be demolished, disposed of and the grounds remediated to Parkland County standards.

The total value of the project is estimated at \$64,395.92. The Community Association allocated \$13,768.98 of its own funding, has secured donations in-kind of labour and equipment (value \$4660) and has funds in reserve for annual maintenance and operating costs. Hycrest Place will be applying to the Community Facility Enhancement Program for the balance of \$32,197.96

Operating funds are in place.

A door to door survey was conducted with signatures of support from 34 of the 57 individual properties owners in the subdivision, there were no dissenters and the balance were not at home at the time the surveys were conducted.

Analysis:

The Community Development Coordinator assigned to them has been in contact with the group relative to this application and will continue to provide any assistance required until project completion. Final site plans and drawings will be reviewed and approved by the appropriate Parkland County Departments

Should Council approve the funding being requested, this project would be completed in 2015.

Alternatives:

1. Council could approve funding at a different value.
2. Council could choose to not approve funding for this initiative.

Conclusion/Summary:

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