

Topic: Sandhills Community League – Major Capital Grant Request

**Introduction:**

As per Policy C-RP03, Sandhills Community League request for \$30,923.47 under the Sustainability Grant – Major Capital Project, for exterior (shingling, walkways, siding, parking lot and fencing) and interior (fixing hot tub area, and lighting) repairs and or replacement.

**Background Information:**

Historically, Sandhills Community League (SCL) was a very active community league hosting numerous events, weddings, reunions and tournaments. For the past few years the SCL was in a stagnant stage for a few years with few board members and a limited number of activities happening at the hall. A new board has recently stepped up and they are looking to revive the SCL back into the active community center that it once was. SCL's new board is committed to maintaining their facilities and planning for the future and have created a priority list for hall maintenance using the *2019 Facility Condition Assessment Report* (the report) as a guideline.

SCL have identified areas of preventative maintenance and safety of focus for 2021; the replacement of shingles, cement walkways, lighting, siding, parking lot and fence repairs.

The shingles/shakes (item # 25 in the report) was identified as being in poor condition and medium priority for replacement. There is substantial deterioration to the shingles on the west roof and south slope of the north roof of the building. Widespread areas of loose flashing and failed seals around the exhaust fans cabinets is also contributing to the problem.

Walkway removal and replacement (item # 3 in the report) has been identified as being in poor condition and a medium priority. Widespread settlement of walkways has resulted in negative drainage slopes, trip hazards, and corrosion of base wall flashing. The concrete walkway at southeast corner of building has deteriorated and the paving widths do not meet barrier-free requirements. Replacement of the walkways is a key safety issue for the guests using the hall as many of the hall functions cater to an older population.

Hot Tub hole (item # 9 in the report) was identified as being in poor condition and medium priority for repair. The hot tub has been decommissioned and there is currently an open hole left in the floor slab. Filling of the hole and fixing the floor will make this space useable and remove the safety hazard that it currently presents

As stated in the report, the lighting (item # 82, 83) has been identified as being in fair condition and a medium priority. The fixtures are obsolete, inefficient and while others have extended past their life expectancy. By updating all the lighting in the hall, the hall will increase their energy efficiency and see a cost savings in their utilities, be safer for all users through better lighting and help to modernize the hall.

Wood siding (item #11 in the report) was identified as being in poor condition and medium priority. There is widespread deterioration of the siding and fascia. The wood siding as it has reached its life span and has deteriorated and while it has been painted it to look better it requires replacement.

Parking lot repairs (item #2 in the report) was identified as being in poor condition and medium priority. There are ruts and potholes that are a safety hazard. Over the past few years some gravel has been applied to the parking lot to band-aid the problem but much more is required to complete the task.

Chain link fence repair (item # 4 in the report) was identified as being in fair condition and medium priority. There are numerous broken pieces that need to be repaired and replaced to extend the life of the fencing. With the increase in demand for the use of the ball diamonds and the outdoor space, the repair of the fencing is a safety consideration.

The total value of the entire project is estimated at \$97,432.73. The community league has \$20,923.47 of the funds secured to date plus a commitment of over \$10,000 in volunteer hours. SCL will continue to apply for additional grants including CFEP prior to starting the work in 2021.

### **Analysis:**

Administration has been involved with the project through the provision of information and referrals and other assistance as required. The Community Development Coordinator assigned to them has been kept apprised of their project and will continue to provide any assistance required until project completion.

Should Council approve the funding being requested, this project would be completed in 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, getting quotes from contractors was difficult. In order to get the grant application completed and have the projects costs be as true as possible a quote was used from the contractor who was willing to come out at the time. When the SCL is ready to proceed with the project the board will ensure an open and transparent process to their contractor selections and subsequent awarding of contracts.

### **Alternatives:**

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

### **Conclusion/Summary:**

Administration is recommending approval of the funding request. Sandhills Community League is committed to actively seeking additional funding sources for this project. The project meets all requirements under the Sustainability Grant – Major Capital and administration will continue to work with the community league until the project reaches completion.

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