

Topic: W.A.V.E.S. – Major Capital Grant Request

Introduction:

W.A.V.E.S is requesting funding in the amount of \$25,000 for Phase 2 of the activity park development, the skatepark. The skatepark plan is being presented to Council for consideration.

Background Information:

W.A.V.E.S. is a not for profit operating to serve the residents of the hamlet of Wabamun. Prior to the dissolution, W.A.V.E.S was working with the support of the village of Wabamun on the development of an activity park for area residents and visitors to enjoy. The project consists of three phases, phase 1 was the skating rink, which was previously completed, phase 2 is the skatepark which they anticipate completing in September 2022 and phase 3 will landscaping and beautification of the entire activity park.

The initial plans for the skatepark project began in 2020 and the volunteers have been working with a contractor on conceptual drawings. These concepts were presented to the community in early 2021 for feedback. The committee is committed to working with residents to ensure that the design meets the needs of the community.

The total project cost is estimated at \$265,650.00. W.A.V.E.S. has already secured \$30k towards this project and has applied for both the Co-op and CFEP grants.

Analysis:

Administration has been working with W.A.V.E.S during this period of transition. This project was started while under the village and W.A.V.E.S has demonstrated a desire to work with Parkland County staff to meet all new requirements. W.A.V.E.S has also demonstrated a solid plan for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the activity park amenities through volunteers.

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 so that W.A.V.E.S can continue to work on Phase 2 of the activity park development.

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