

Topic: Magnolia Community Club – Major Capital Grant Request

**Introduction:**

As per Policy C-RP03, Magnolia Community Club request for \$25,000.00 under the Sustainability Grant – Major Capital Project, Magnolia Hall Retro fit project.

**Background Information:**

Magnolia Community Club is an active community league, hosting many events. The hall was originally built in 1973 and an addition was added in 1985. Although the hall is in reasonably good shape, the expected useful life of many of the components of the hall is nearing the end of its life span.

The *Facility Condition Assessment Report*, completed by Stantec in 2019, has provided guidance to the board on setting priorities. Using available funds and volunteer labor, the community league has been slowly working on the smaller items identified in the report. As part of the board's commitment to maintaining and extending the life span of the building, they have planned a large multi-phased project.

The ask from this grant is to enclose the west entrance area creating a vestibule; protecting the exposed main door and creating a safe space for hall users to enter and exit the facility. The concrete pad for was poured during the summer of 2021 using grant funding already received. The total cost of this phase is \$50,281.35.

The full long-term project includes new washrooms, re-siding the hall, updating electrical, refinishing flooring. The community league has submitted applications for funding through additional grants to fund these projects with an overall estimated total cost of \$525,000.00. The community league will continue to apply for additional grants as they become available. If they are not successful in securing funding for the full project, they will proceed with a phased approach based on priority as funds allow.

**Analysis:**

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

**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. Magnolia Community Club is committed to 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 them until the project reaches completion.

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