

Subject: Niagara 2021 Canada Games Legacy Project in the Town of Pelham

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2020-0101; and

THAT Council direct staff to revise the current Memorandum of Understanding with the 2021 Canada Games Committee to allow the \$21,250 (excluding HST) legacy project funding to include the hard surfacing of the Steve Bauer Trail between 1106 Line Avenue and Port Robinson Road; and

THAT Council approve the use of the OMCC grant in the amount of \$75,416 (excluding HST) to complete the hard surfacing of the Steve Bauer Trail between 1106 Line Avenue and Port Robinson Road; and

THAT Council approve \$24,584 (excluding HST) of expenditure from the 2019 Capital Budget (red-circled project) to complete the hard surfacing of the Steve Bauer Trail between 1106 Line Avenue and Port Robinson Road.

Background:

The Region and Bid Committee made a bid to host the 2021 Canada Summer Games, to be held between Thursday August 4, 2021 and Sunday August 22, 2021.

In order to put forth a bid, the Bid Committee required the commitment from local sport and non-sport venues and their associated facilities that meet the Canada Games sport venue and non-sport venue standards from the local municipalities in the Region.

With the successful bid application by the Region the Town of Pelham was awarded the main road cycling event. As part of this agreement the Town of Pelham agreed to allow the 2021 Canada Summer Games Committee to use

the Town's facilities (primarily the road course - see Appendix A) for two days during the games, being August 18th and 19th.

The original MOU that was signed included an agreement that the Bid Committee and the Town commit to share in an investment of \$21,250 (each) for capital expenditures at the Race Venue, for the specific purpose of equipment required to meet the Canada Games standards. The Town committed to pay one-eighth of that investment (\$21,250) for Cycling Equipment including race markers; start and finish line equipment; safety equipment; and also a trailer to house the equipment.

It was determined by the cycling community this approach was not the best use of funds and that the funds should be redirected to another mutually agreed upon community initiative that recognized the 2021 Canada Summer Games as a lasting legacy piece for the Town. As a result, the 2021 Canada Summer Games would match the Town's commitment with an additional \$21,250 towards such a project.

Analysis:

The Town of Pelham has entered into an agreement with the Region and the 2021 Canada Games to host the men's and women's Road Cycling Race. The event is scheduled to run on two consecutive days with practice races on August 18th and the actual race on August 19th.

During the event there will be roadway closures set up along the race route, as well as in the downtown business area of Fonthill. It is expected that the race will be held in conjunction with the Thursday Night Bandshell experience, Farmer's Market, and Supper Market making the race day event a full day celebration.

In 2017, the previous Council for the Town of Pelham agreed, in principle, to endorse and support the Niagara Region bid for the 2021 Canada Summer Games; and acknowledged that this support would include a capital contribution for cycling infrastructure in the amount of \$21,250. Further, council passed a resolution that authorized the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Niagara 2021 Canada Summer Games Bid Committee, the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the Town of Pelham. (See Appendix B).

Following recent discussions with the 2021 Canada Summer Games Committee it has been determined that the \$21,250 (\$42,500 total) grant can be used towards a legacy project by the Town that promotes active living.

Since the Town must match the funding amount of \$21,250 towards a legacy project staff is recommending that the funding be used towards the hard surfacing and paving of the Steve Bauer Trail between 1106 Line Avenue and Port Robinson Road. This project was included as part of the 2019 Capital Budget and was red-circled. This project has the support of the Pelham Active Transportation Committee (PATC) and has funding in place from the OMCC in the amount of \$75,416, in addition to the Town's contribution of \$24,584 from the Roads Reserve.

Staff is recommending that this project be considered for the 2021 Canada Summer Games legacy project since there is already funding in place from the Town's reserves that would meet the matching requirements for both the OMCC and the 2021 Canada Summer Games.

Financial Considerations:

Funding in the amount of \$21,250 is being provided by the 2021 Canada Summer Games for a legacy project. The Town is required to match the funding being provided in the amount of \$21,250.

The Town of Pelham will need to use funding from a capital project that is already included in the 2020 capital budget or will need to include a project in the 2021 Capital Budget in the amount of \$21,250.

The Steve Bauer trail paving project currently has a Town contribution of \$24,584 to complete the paving of the Steve Bauer Trail between 1106 Line Avenue and Port Robinson Road. The Town was successful in receiving funding in the amount of \$75,416 under the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling grant (OMCC) to complete this project. This project was selected and endorsed by the Pelham Active Transportation Committee (PATC). This project was red-circled in the 2019 Capital Roads budget, as Project # RD-05-19 and was recently voted against by Council at the June 15th regular meeting of Council.

Staff has tendered the Steve Bauer Trail Paving Project as a provisional item

in the 2020 Asphalt Base Repair and Patching Program. The limits of the project extended from the Pelham/Welland town boundary (1106 Line Avenue) to approximately 350 m north of Merritt Road (prior to the Kunda Park Phase 4 Development. The 2019 budget for this project was \$100,000 including the Town's contribution of \$24,584. The tender value for this work based on the tender results from the low bidder is \$72,875.

It is estimated that the total cost to complete the trail paving from the south limit to Port Robinson Road, based on the tender unit prices (approximately 1600m), is \$114,275. The total costs including net HST of 1.76% is estimated at \$116,286.

The total project budget including the OMCC funding, the Town of Pelham's contribution, and the funding received from the 2021 Canada Summer Games is \$121,250. This would result in a net budget surplus of approximately \$5,000 which could be used towards the supply and installation of signage along the trail indicating the funding contributors and possibly some benches along the trail for pedestrians.

Alternatives Reviewed:

The 2021 Canada Summer Games Committee legacy project funding could be used towards another project that Council decides. If this course of action was followed Council would also need to approve additional capital expenditures in the 2020 Capital budget for the project or approve funding in the 2021 Capital Budget.

Strategic Plan Relationship: Build Strong Communities and Cultural Assets

Having a strong and accessible active transportation network throughout the Town helps build strong communities and promotes healthy living for the residents of Pelham.

Using the funding provided by the OMCC and the 2021 Canada Summer Games will create a legacy project in the Town of Pelham that will benefit the residents of the Town for many years and ties in well with the spirit of the games and the recommendations provided by the PATC in accordance

with the Town's Active Transportation Master Plan.

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:

Appendix A – 2021 Canada Games Cycling Race Route (Attached).

Appendix B – 2017 Memorandum of Understanding and 2017 Resolution of Council (Attached).

Report 2020-0080 Steve Bauer Trail Hard Surfacing between 1106 Line Avenue and Port Robinson Road.

Report 2019-0033 Regarding the Paving of the Steve Bauer Trail between 1106 Line Avenue and Port Robinson Road.

Consultation:

Consultation with the Town of Pelham Recreation Department, as well as the 2021 Canada Games Committee was undertaken in the preparation of this report.

Legal Consultation, If Applicable:

N/A

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