

Memo

To: Members of Council

From: Teresa Quinlin-Murphy, Director of Corporate Services

Date: October 2, 2024

**RE: Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Stream 1:
Repair and Rehabilitation Grant**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo 2024-0220 entitled Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation Grant, for information;

AND THAT Council approve the grant application to the Ontario Ministry of Sport's Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation Grant Program with a request for special consideration as a municipality with a population of under 20,000;

AND THAT Council approve \$880,000 or 50% of the total cost of the Centennial Park rehabilitation projects in the 2025-2026 capital budget(s). These projects are currently in the Town's 10-year Capital Plan.

The Ontario Ministry of Sport has issued a call for grant applications to repair and rehabilitate community sport and recreation facilities to improve local programming and meet community needs. The program is called the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation Grant.

This program funds up to \$1 million or 50% of project costs for eligible projects. As a municipality with less than 20,000 people, the Town of Pelham is also eligible to submit a request for special consideration, which could provide an additional 20% in funding, bringing the total grant amount up to \$1 million or 70% of eligible costs.

The application deadline is October 29, 2024, with an anticipated decision in early winter 2024. The completion date for projects under this grant is March 31, 2027.

The funder requires documentary proof of Council approving the decision to apply for the Centennial Park rehabilitation project and that necessary matching funds will be included in the Town's future capital budgets.

Projects taking place in Centennial Park to be included in the grant application include:

- Soccer goal infrastructure at Soccer Field #2;
- Replacement backstop, fencing, and dugout at Ball Diamond #1;
- Conversion to a hardball 15U+ field at Ball Diamond #2;
- Rehabilitation of the tennis training wall;
- Retrofitting and replacing playground equipment;
- LED light upgrades at the Centennial Park Tennis Courts, Pickleball Courts, Ball Diamond #1, Ball Diamond #2 and Soccer Field #1;
- Paving and expanding the existing walkway network; and
- Paving of the pre-existing gravel parking lot.

These rehabilitation projects have been selected based on their existing status as projects anticipated to be completed in 2025 – 2027 based on the current 10-year capital plan and repeated community requests not currently included in the 10-year capital plan. The total anticipated cost for these projects is approximately \$1,760,000.

The Town's funding portion is anticipated to be up to \$880,000. If the Town receives the additional funding top-up as a special consideration project, the Town's contribution will decrease to \$760,000.

Rehabilitation and repair projects at Centennial Park align with the Town's strategic plan objective of infrastructure investment and renewal. These projects are currently in the Town's 10-year capital plan; therefore if the Town receives this grant it will decrease the required transfer from reserves to fund these projects.