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The District of North Vancouver

REPORT TO COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Grant funding application – Delbrook Field House Replacement

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the application for grant funding for the Delbrook Field House Replacement Project through the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation* be supported;

AND THAT the District of North Vancouver commit to its share (\$522,332) of the total project cost of \$1,958,500 to be funded through the Infrastructure Reserve.

REASON FOR REPORT:

A resolution of Council is required to support the District's grant application. The project will replace the existing field house building at Delbrook Park. Grant funding available under this program is a maximum of \$1,436,168 (73.33% of project eligible costs). To meet the program deadline, a grant application was submitted on October 1st, 2020. A council resolution supporting the application is required by November 1st, 2020.

SUMMARY:

The Canadian and British Columbian governments committed up to \$100.6 million towards the second intake of the *Community, Culture, and Recreation Program*, with up 73.33% of total eligible costs to be covered by the program.

The Delbrook Field House Replacement Project was selected as the best opportunity to be awarded funding under this program as it meets the program objectives & the funding timelines and aligns with our Corporate Goals. The project is included in the approved 2020-2024 Financial Plan Bylaw.

BACKGROUND:

The Canadian and British Columbian governments committed up to \$100.6 million towards the second intake of the *Community, Culture, and Recreation Program*, with up 73.33% of total eligible costs to be covered by the program. This intake is designed to target projects starting in 2021 or 2022.

Projects that are most likely to receive funds will provide value for money and are proportionate to the size of the community that will benefit. The program advised that applicants be guided by the amount of money requested by shortlisted applications in the previous intake (\$2.5m total grant request or \$2.5m - \$3.5m total project cost). Requests for large amounts are unlikely to be able to be met through the program. The program guide stipulates that only one project per municipality may be put forward for consideration

A comprehensive review carried out by staff, concluded that the Delbrook Park Field House replacement presented the best opportunity to be awarded funding. The project is already included in the approved 2020-2024 Financial Plan Bylaw.

The new field house at Delbrook Park is designed to better meet the needs of its users. Delbrook Park is designed on two levels with sports playing fields on the upper level, and tennis courts and a playground on the lower level. The existing field house was constructed in 1958. The existing building does not meet the current needs of park users, lacking universal washrooms, is in very poor condition and is structurally at the end of its life.

The new facility will provide safe, accessible universal washrooms on both levels offering greater access to all park users; storage areas for local community sports teams and park maintenance; and a concession room that will be available for field & park user groups to provide snacks during sports games and special events. A plaza at the lower level will be retained for community meet-ups. The new facility will not use fossil fuels; it is designed to use only electricity for heating and hot water, making it GHG free.

The field house replacement meets the *Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation* program objectives of improving access and increasing the quality of a Community/Recreation facility, it can be completed within the program time requirements and is within the recommended grant amount ask.

ANALYSIS:

Based on the experience obtained from the first intake of the *Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation*, advice from the program lead and recommendations in the program guide, staff developed a scoring system to evaluate potential projects based on the following criteria:

- 1) Funding Program Objectives
- 2) Corporate Goals
- 3) Application Readiness
- 4) Risk
- 5) Revenue Maximisation
- 6) Value for money

The Delbrook Field House scored the highest overall when considering each of the above criteria. The project meets the *Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation* program objectives by improving access and increasing the quality of a

Community/Recreation facility. As well as meeting our Corporate Goal of fostering *Community Safety, Health & Resiliency*.

The project is “Application Ready” with a detailed cost estimate (Class C) and completed conceptual drawings.

The project also scored well for its potential to maximise revenue as it is in the approved Capital Plan; meaning, if grant funding is awarded, it could free up already committed District funds.

The project is considered low risk with regards to project delivery

At a total estimated cost of approximately \$1.958m (\$1.43m grant ask), the projects is well below the recommended cost threshold.

Delbrook Field House Replacement Design Renderings



Existing Delbrook Field House



Timing/Approval Process:

The deadline for the grant submission was October 1st, 2020. A motion of approval from Council supporting the application is required by November 1st, 2020.

Concurrence:

The Delbrook Field House replacement was recommended as the best opportunity to be awarded funding after a comprehensive review carried out by Finance and the Engineering Infrastructure Planning Group (IPG). The review considered project recommendations from all of Engineering, Parks and Facilities.

Financial Impacts:

The replacement of the field house is already included in the approved 2020-2024 Financial Bylaw at \$1,500,000, with \$575,000 committed in prior years for a total expected cost of \$2,075,000.

For the purposes of the grant application the total project cost is listed as \$1,958,000 due to \$117,000 of design costs having already been incurred, making these costs ineligible for funding.

If awarded, \$1,436,168 of already committed District funding could be made available to fund other capital projects.

Environmental Impact:

The new field house is designed to be GHG free; it will use only electricity for heating and hot water. The new facility is outside the protected forested area of the park and is proposed to be built on the footprint of the existing building which will help reduce any disturbance of surrounding environment.

Public Input:

The need to replace the aging Delbrook Field House has been identified in a number of reports: The Building Condition Assessment Report and the District of North Vancouver Recreation Needs Assessment and Sports field Needs Assessment. Delbrook Fieldhouse is identified in the Council approved Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan as one of the top three priorities for park building replacement.

With the need to replace the aging Delbrook Park Field House identified workshops were held with stakeholder groups to determine the future functional needs of this facility. Three stakeholder meetings were held to seek input and comments from North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission (NVRC), the North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues (NS ACDI), Parks and Natural Environment Advisory Committee (PNEAC) and various community sports teams (North Shore Football Club; North Shore Girls Soccer Club; Highlands Baseball; and District 5 Baseball).

Feedback from these user groups has been considered and incorporated into the design of the new building where possible.

Conclusion:

The Delbrook Field House Replacement meets the *Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture and Recreation* program objectives of improving access and increasing the quality of a Community/Recreation facility, it can be completed within the program time requirements and is within the recommended grant amount ask.

Respectfully submitted,


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Revenue Officer

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