



## **STAFF REPORT**

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**Meeting Date: September 11, 2023**

**Title: NOHFC Application, Dryden Recreation Centre**

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**Department:** Community Services

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### **Recommendation:**

That Council authorize staff to proceed with the development of a Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation funding application under the Rural Enhancements Stream for financial support for mechanical and facility updates at the Dryden Recreation Centre.

And that Council provide a formal resolution as demonstration of support for the application that includes the applicant share of the total project as per the NOHFC eligibility criteria.

### **Background:**

The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation is presently accepting applications under the Rural Enhancement Stream which is designed to support priorities of strong and resilient northern communities through infrastructure investments, to upgrade / repair existing assets to improve community quality of life, economic development infrastructure and strategic economic development initiatives.

Staff have identified a number of eligible opportunities to increase efficiencies, optimize use of existing space and replace end-of-life components within the facility. Cost incurred for projects in the funding application that are executed after a submission, but before formal approval can be considered eligible expenses, provided the application is ultimately approved.

**Discussion:**

Funds will be used to optimize or replace existing mechanical equipment, support planned installations, replace end of life flooring sustainability all while complementing the ongoing expansion and mechanical retrofit program that is presently underway. The Rural Enhancement Stream supports projects for up to 75% of their total eligible costs up to a maximum of \$500,000 for municipalities who have a population over 1500 and under 30,000 residents.

Items/funds identified for the application include:

- Solar panel replacements (7)
- Install fresh air duct heater and intake damper, pool dehumidifier
- Rink 2 flooring replacement
- Brine pump replacement
- Space heating system expansion and tie-in
- Installation of emergency exit and landing for Rink 2
- Supply and installation of canopy for Rink 2 emergency exit

**Financial Implications:**

With a total project cost of \$224,948.99 should the application prove successful, the City's contribution would be \$56,237.25. Of this total, approximately \$35,000.00 were allocated for this project in 2023. These allocated dollars would be transferred to the 2024 capital budget should notice of approval be received in late 2023 or in 2024.

**Current Budget Allocation: N/A**