



Staff Report

Finance and IT Services

Report To: Council
Meeting Date: June 3, 2019
Report Number: FAF.19.091
Subject: Trillium Grant Follow-up
Prepared by: Sam Dinsmore, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting and Budgets

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.19.091 entitled “Trillium Grant Follow-up”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to apply to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for Option X:

AND THAT Council create a capital budget for Option X upon successful announcement of the grant.

B. Overview

At the May 27, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, Committee directed staff to bring back a follow-up report to the June 3, 2019 Council meeting with additional options and information for Council’s consideration for the Ontario Trillium Foundation capital grant.

C. Background

On April 5, 2019, the Ontario Trillium Foundation announced that a new stream of capital grant funding had been released and encouraged municipalities to submit applications. Some important dates and criteria are:

- Application due by June 12, 2019;
- Limited to one project per grant to a total of \$150,000;
- Development Costs (Engineering/Consulting) are limited to 20%;
- Project must be completed within one year of the grant result announcement (fall of 2019); and
- Internal salaries and benefits are not eligible costs.

D. Analysis

At the May 27, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, Committee requested some additional options for Council’s consideration. In addition to the options, Council wanted a comparison of each option to the nine Grant Results as used by the grant review team. These results are:

- Active People: Infrastructure for unstructured and structured physical activities
- Active People: Infrastructure is accessible and available for physical activity
- Connected People: Diverse groups work together to improve community life
- Connected People: People who are isolated have connections in their community
- Green People: Conservation and restoration efforts are better planned and more sustainable
- Inspired People: Arts, culture and heritage have appropriate spaces
- Promising Young People: Children and youth who are facing barriers develop strong emotional and social skills
- Promising Young People: Youth are involved in creating solutions for challenges facing their communities
- Prosperous People: People who are economically vulnerable are able to meet their basic needs

The options included for Council’s consideration are:

- 1) Ravenna Hall Renovations - \$75,000 for a water system and \$75,000 for exterior work
- 2) Craigeith Community Centre Accessibility Renovations - \$150,000
- 3) Mobi-Mats (Attachment #1) for Northwinds and Little Beaver River Beach - \$60,000 for mats, signage and storage

Option #1 –Ravenna Hall

During the summer months, the well at the Ravenna Hall runs dry which means the kitchen and washrooms must be closed. The Town supplies a porta-potty to ensure that the facility can remain however it is not accessible. In addition to having a permanent water system, extensive exterior works are also required to keep the hall in good condition:

Pros	Cons
- maximize the grant opportunity	- may not have potable water even after new system is installed
- year-round water system (accessible washrooms)	- meets the technical requirements of the grant but only one of the above Grant Results
- completes two items identified on the Facility Condition Assessments	- \$75,000 may not be sufficient budget for the exterior works
	- unbudgeted item that will require extensive staff time to manage project

Option #2 Craigleith Community Centre

This centre is an aging facility that requires major upgrades to become an accessible facility which include a ramp, wider doors, washroom and kitchen renovations. Staff would be applying for \$150,000 in grant funding to complete this project.

Pros	Cons
- maximize the grant opportunity	- facility has other capital requirements, a long-term plan should be create for this centre
- meets the technical requirements as well as a number of the Grant Results listed above	- \$150,000 may not be sufficient budget for these works
- completes an item identified on the Facility Condition Assessments	- unbudgeted item that will require extensive staff time to manage project

Option #3 –Mobi-Mats

These mats would make Town’s beaches accessible for persons in wheelchairs or that require walkers. They are light weight and can be easily installed at the beginning of the year and then stored for the winter months. Staff would be looking at purchasing roughly 500 feet to be used at Northwinds and Little River Beaches.

Pros	Cons
- meets the technical requirements as well as a number of the Grant Results listed above	-doesn’t fully maximize the grant opportunity
- unbudgeted item that will require minimal staff time to manage project	

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational and Operational Excellence

Objective #4: To Be a Financially Responsible Organization

F. Environmental Impacts

N/A

G. Financial Impact

All of the projects listed above are unbudgeted and would require Council to approve the creation of a 2019 capital budget item. For the two small halls, additional Town funding could be required to complete the works, however these works may be required and if successful for the grant, would reduce the amount of Town funding.

Salaries and benefits for internal staff are not an eligible expense and therefore the staff time required to complete any of the three options would need to be covered by the 2019-2020 salaries and benefits budget of the effected division.

H. In consultation with

Shawn Everitt, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Ruth Prince, Director of Finance and IT Services

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. Comments regarding this report should be submitted to Sam Dinsmore, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting and Budgets at finance@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. Mobi-Mat Information

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mobi-Mat® RecPath™ is a portable and removable rollout access pathway for pedestrians, wheelchair users, strollers, bicycles and ATVs.

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Firm, safe and stable, easy for any type of wheelchair, stroller or walker to maneuver on – providing a smooth continuous surface without gaps.

Environmentally Friendly

Made of 100% recycled polyester, Mobi-Mat® RecPath™ contributes to the environment by utilizing recycled plastics.



RecPath™ channels traffic along designated areas to protect sensitive dunes.

User friendly Cool and smooth surface

The blue AFX Mobi-Mat® RecPath™ permeable structure remains cool when exposed to very high temperature up to 80°C (176°F), for the benefit of barefoot beachgoers and disabled people.

Lightweight and Easy Installation

Mobi-Mat® is only 0.27 lbs/sqft, facilitating installation and retrieval of a 50' long section by two persons in ten minutes. Installation and retrieval can be performed by one person when using our Mobi-Roller™.

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