



## **STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**Report No: CS-2022-24**

**November 28, 2022**

From: Anne Leduc – Director of Community Services

RE: Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant Opportunity – Lawn Bowling

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### **Recommended Motion:**

THAT Council receives staff report CS-2022-24; and

THAT Council of the Township of North Glengarry directs staff to apply to the Ontario Trillium Foundation –Resilient Communities Fund Grant Stream for the Lawn Bowling program and equipment at the Tim Hortons Dome to the maximum amount of \$20,000.

### **Background / Analysis:**

On November 9, 2022, The Ontario Trillium Foundation announced the Resilient Community Fund Grant opportunity. This fund supports the recovery efforts of organizations impacted by COVID-19 and helps them respond with immediate, medium, and longer-term recovery projects.

Applicants can apply for a minimum of \$10,000, and up to \$200,000, with a maximum of \$100,000 per year. The deadline to apply is December 7, 2022, at 5 PM ET.

Project outcomes include:

- Adapting a program and service delivery to meet the changing needs of the community because of COVID-19.
- Expanding a previously adapted program / service to meet the changing needs of the community because of COVID-19.

Staff proposed to apply for funding to support the Lawn Bowling activities at the Tim Hortons Dome. Lawn Bowling has been greatly impacted by COVID-19. Several members have passed during this time, the population that enjoys this sport is aging and a number of members have declined to return to the sport due to concerns over COVID-19.

The proposed “Lawn Bowling Project” would encourage seniors to remain active in a manner that respects social distancing requirements due to COVID-19. The project would be partnered with the SDG Cornwall Boys and Girls Club. This added component integrates youth in the project and is beneficial in two ways: the first is that it introduces a new generation to the sport of Lawn Bowling; and the second is that it stimulates long-lasting relationships between seniors who may be suffering from isolation and youth in our community that may be looking for mentorship.

The location proposed at the Tim Hortons Dome for this program provides a safe and monitored environment for seniors and youth alike. The Dome is easily accessible to the residents in North Glengarry and surrounding communities.

Staff expects that the costs to run a program, which would include the purchase of new lawn bowling mats and a double roller, would be under \$20,000. The Township would provide in-kind for the rental space, staff for the set-up and break-down of the equipment, and staff to create and implement a survey to monitor the end points of the program. These costs have all been included in the grant application.

The SDG Cornwall Boys and Girls Club, the Alexandria Recreation Association and the Glengarry Lawn Bowling League have supplied support letters for this project.

### **Alternative**

Option 1 – Recommended: THAT Council directs staff to apply to the Ontario Trillium Foundation – Resilient Community Grant Stream for the Lawn Bowling Program at the Tim Hortons Dome up to the maximum amount of \$20,000.

OR

Option 2 – Not Recommended: That Council declines this recommendation.

### **Financial Implications:**

The Township would provide in-kind support for this program which would have no impact on the budget.

### **Attachments & Relevant Legislation:**

N/A

### **Others Consulted:**

Kimberley Goyette – Director of Finance

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Reviewed and Approved by:  
Sarah Huskinson, CAO/Clerk