



Claresholm

REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: September 23, 2024

CFEP Grant – Ball Diamond Revitalization Project

BACKGROUND

The Kinsmen Club have expressed interest in partnering with the Town of Claresholm to apply for Grant Funding for the following Ball Diamond improvements.

1. Millennium Park: Roof replacement \$10,000 *built in 2000
2. Moffat Park: Fencing, backstop and dugouts upgrades \$50,000
3. Turface (Shale replacement product, long lasting, 42% of the cost of Shale): \$35,000

Shale was replaced in 2016 at Millennium, the product was not of good quality, shale breaks down into dust after a few years.

Total cost of the Project would be \$96,000. The Director of Infrastructure proposes \$50,000 from the Capital Budget for 2025, and Grant funding of \$46,000.

The Ball Diamonds have seen increased usage locally in the past few years, with Minor Ball leading the pack with 3 additional girls teams, and having over 150 registrants. Claresholm Slopitch had 7 teams with 85 registrants, (up from 5), WCCHS had 2 boys teams, and 1 high school Girls team.

Administration believes that the addition of the Turface on the diamonds will be less maintenance than shale, and is heavier than shale which breaks down to dust which can be removed by the wind.

DESCRIPTION:

Request the Town of Claresholm commit \$50,000 towards the Ball Diamond Revitalization Project.

Request the Town of Claresholm write a letter of support for the Kinmen Clubs Community Facility Enhancement Program Grant Application for \$46,000 in funding for Ball Diamond Improvements in Claresholm.

The Grant will be submitted before the deadline of January 15, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Kinsmen Letter September 17, 2024

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councillor _____ to have the Town of Claresholm write a letter of support for the Ball Diamond Revitalization Project for the Kinsmen CFEP Application.

COSTS/ SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable):

Capital Budget approximately 50% via Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) and 50% via CFEP.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council direct administration to prepare a letter of support for the Kinsmen CFEP grant application.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Kinsmen Correspondence

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DATE: September 20, 2024
