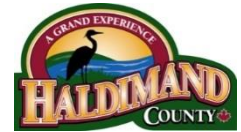

HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report PED-COM-12-2018 Community Partnership Program – Jarvis Lions Trail/Pathway Enhancements



For Consideration by Council in Committee on June 5, 2018

OBJECTIVE:

To approve enhancements to the Jarvis Lions Park Trail/Pathway project, previously approved through Report PED-COM-26-2016 and constructed in 2017, including additional solar lighting, decorative picnic tables, benches, waste receptacles and landscaping.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report PED-COM-12-2018 Community Partnership Program – Jarvis Lions Trail/Pathway Enhancements be received;
2. AND THAT the request to install additional amenities, along the Trail/Pathway constructed in Jarvis Lions Park in 2017 be approved;
3. AND THAT the installation of the enhancements is conditional upon compliance with Policy 2011-01 and County standards, permits and processes.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In October 2016, through Report PED-COM-26-2016, the Jarvis Lions Club received approval to construct an accessible, paved, 1.2 kilometre Trail/Pathway in Jarvis Lions Park. (Attachment 1) The estimated \$215,000 project included solar lighting, benches and the planting of an additional seventy trees along the pathway for enhanced shelter and beautification. Since opening in summer 2017, the Trail/Pathway has attracted on average 100 users per day, with many visitors travelling to Jarvis specifically to enjoy its setting, safety and accessibility. (Attachment 2)

Upon reconciliation of the project, the Jarvis Lions Club found it had managed to raise significantly more funds than needed, as well as completing the construction under budget. At this time, the Club would like to use the remaining funds to install additional enhancements to the Trail/Pathway, including six more solar lights (bringing the total to 16), additional benches, decorative black steel picnic tables and waste receptacles and landscaping. The estimated budget for this next phase of work is \$45,500 and will be entirely funded by the Jarvis Lions Club. If approved, the project will be completed in summer 2018.

The proposal has been reviewed by the Community Partnership Program (CPP) Staff Review Team, which is recommending approval of this project.

BACKGROUND:

Haldimand County's Community Partnership Program (CPP) is intended to encourage and enhance strategic partnerships to the benefit of community stakeholders and the municipality, offering a simple, streamlined and customer-focused approach. The Program is intended to balance the rigor of the review process—necessary to ensure legitimate public interest issues are addressed—with flexibility and respect for the volunteer commitment of the groups.

Since 2011, more than fifty CPP projects have been approved and more than forty completed, leveraging almost \$1.8 million in community-raised funds to construct \$3.2 million in County enhancements.

The Jarvis Lions Club has been a proactive and engaged community partner for decades, having completed multiple projects in the community and in Jarvis Lions Park. The Club is requesting approval to install additional enhancements along the popular Jarvis Lions Park Trail/Pathway, which the group constructed in 2017. Funding for this project, with an estimated budget of \$45,500, is in hand with the County as it was raised during the original Trail/Pathway construction.

ANALYSIS:

The Proponent

The Jarvis Lions Club has been part of the community since 1948 and has been responsible for almost the entire development of the town's central Park. Currently, the Club's membership stands at 53, from the ages of 25 to 80-plus. The Club takes great pride in the Park and Community Centre property, and has worked with partners to develop the site into a hub of community recreation and socialization, recognized within the County and by visitors/tourists as an exceptional facility.

In the past decade, the Jarvis Lions Club has spearheaded or partnered (including benefitting from County partnership grants) to create the following enhancements to the property:

- An 'extreme makeover' of the ball fields to host a national tournament, including installation of the first Marco Clay field in the County, an electronic scoreboard and dugouts. This project was valued at more than \$100,000;
- Enhancement of the Jarvis Lions Community Centre front entrance, including a large, barrier-free concrete entryway with radiant heating for easier maintenance and improved safety, large concrete planters for seasonal decoration and extra seating. This project had a budget of more than \$23,000; and
- Conversion of an old storage building on the site into a dual-purpose facility; renovations included gutting the interior and pouring a new concrete floor, cladding the exterior with new siding and installing new doors. One half remains a storage garage for the Parks Committee while the other half was winterized to become a permanent clubhouse for the Jarvis Amateur Athletics Association, allowing them to host meetings and store their equipment and uniforms in one location. This project was valued at \$50,000.

Project Details

The current request is a second phase to the original installation of an accessible, paved, 1.2 kilometer Trail/Pathway—approved through Report PED-COM-26-2016 with an estimated budget of \$215,000—including the following additional enhancements:

- Six solar lights to complement the existing ten;
- Three customized black steel benches to match the existing benches along the Trail;
- Five black steel picnic tables, two of which will be accessible;
- Twelve decorative black steel waste receptacles; and

- Additional plantings/landscaping.

Need and Benefit

The Trail/Pathway project has been a great success, serving as a leisure and social draw for users of all ages and abilities as well as a tourism asset. On average, about 100 residents, families and visitors use the Trail/Pathway daily. The convenience of ample parking and a safe and accessible route away from traffic appears to be a great attraction, as well as the fact it complements the many other recreation assets on the property. The additional amenities will provide more shaded and accessible seating and rest areas, greater visibility and safety (through enhanced lighting) and a beautified park setting.

Project Review

The proposal was reviewed by an interdepartmental team of County staff (the CPP Staff Review Team) and was favourably received as it meets the following CPP priorities and objectives:

- (i) Community Vibrancy and Healthy Community;
- (ii) Corporate Image and Efficient Government;
- (iii) Creates or maintains public infrastructure;
- (iv) Reduces the cost of government services by optimizing partnership resources; and
- (v) Capitalizes on collective energies and expertise of participating groups.

The Jarvis Lions Club was asked to confirm with staff the final designs of the furnishings and locations prior to installation.

Further, Haldimand County's Accessibility Advisory Committee recognized the efforts to include more amenities which might support users with limitations.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Policy No. 2011-01 states the Community Partnership Program (CPP) will encourage and actively support partnerships with not-for-profit community groups. Within the Community Capital Projects Grant Program, Council has the responsibility to approve community capital projects with an overall budget of greater than \$10,000. Although the proposal by the Jarvis Lions Club does not include a request for CPP funding—as the Jarvis Lions Club intends to fund the enhancements in their entirety—the project budget is greater than \$10,000 and requires Council approval.

The CPP policy also requires all community funding for Council-approved projects be in place with the County or secured/confirmed with the applicable community group prior to the start of any on-site work. The Jarvis Lions Club intends to use remaining funds raised for the original project—approximately \$46,000—which are currently with the County, for the proposed project.

Additionally, the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) reporting standards require the County to record the fair market value of contributed assets. This enhancement will be amortized over the estimated life of the associated asset for accounting purposes.

As identified in the original approval for this project (PED-COM-26-2016), the ongoing additional operating and maintenance costs will be the responsibility of the Jarvis Lions Club and the Jarvis Parks Committee, and the amenity will become part of the existing Field Management arrangement with Haldimand County. Capital repair or replacement of the new amenities may be assessed as a partnership between the Jarvis Lions Club and the County.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

This application was assessed and supported by the Community Partnership Program's Staff Review Team, which is comprised of staff from all County Divisions. Staff from the Facilities and Parks Operations Division were particularly active in overseeing the original project installation and are supportive of the additional enhancements.

The application was also reviewed by Haldimand County's Accessibility Advisory Committee, which endorsed the proposal.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Location Map – Jarvis Lions Park and Trail/Pathway.
2. Photos of Jarvis Lions Park/Trail Pathway.