

Whereas the Town of Saugeen Shores agrees with both Parks and Recreation Ontario and with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario that the infrastructure gap will continue to grow, especially once all of the municipal asset plans are completed; and

Whereas both the Federal and Provincial Government could leave a positive and lasting impact on rural communities by helping municipalities to renovate or build new Recreation Facilities, and in the process create cost savings to our health system. After all, health is a Provincial expense, and as citizens live healthier lifestyles and maintain healthy bodies, this leads to less frequent visits to doctors' offices, hospital emergency departments and rehabilitation centres, and consequently less costs towards medical costs; and

Whereas in 2016 the Federation of Canadian Municipalities study found that nearly half of all types of sport and recreation facilities in Canada are in fair or poor condition, with a replacement value of \$23 billion across Canada; and

Whereas in Ontario, the replacement value for aging pools, arenas and community centres in fair or poor condition in Ontario is estimated to be \$6 billion (Parks and Recreation Ontario); and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has endorsed the Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015: Pathways to Wellbeing; and that the vision for the Framework is "a Canada where everyone is engaged in meaningful, accessible recreation experiences..." and that the first goal of the Framework is that governments should enable participation in physically active recreation; and

Whereas the Framework for Recreation in Canada has as priority 4.3 as follows: "Enable communities to renew Recreational Infrastructure as required and to meet the need for green spaces by securing dedicated government funding at all levels.... for the necessary development, renewal and rehabilitation of facilities and outdoor spaces"; and

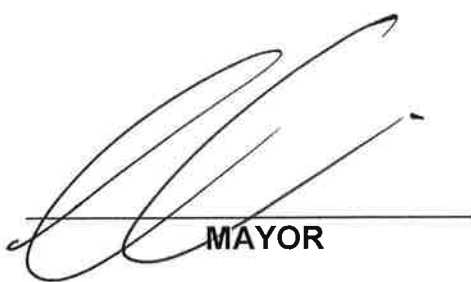
Whereas through the Investing in Canada Plan, the Government of Canada is investing over \$180 billion over 12 years in Infrastructure projects across Canada with these investments being made by 14 Federal Departments and Agencies; and

Whereas the Governments of Canada and Ontario signed a bi-lateral agreement on March 14th, 2017 and created the “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan”; and be it

Resolved that the Council of the Town of Saugeen Shores requests that the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario move forward with accepting applications for funding agreed to by the Governments of Canada and Province of Ontario under the “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program” to help address the Recreation and Culture Capital Infrastructure deficit that currently exists across Canada; and

Further, that this resolution and background Council Report be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Government’s, local MP’s and MPP’s, Parks and Recreation Ontario, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, requesting their support.

- Carried
- Defeated
- Deferred
- Referred
- Tabled
- Withdrawn



MAYOR

DIVISION OF RECORDED VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PEC INT
CHARBONNEAU				
CARR				
GRACE				
MATHESON				
MYATT				
MYETTE				
RICH				
SHRIDER				
SMITH				