
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report CDP-13-2022 Community Partnership Program – Jarvis Lions Park Benches Replacement



For Consideration by Council in Committee on August 23, 2022

OBJECTIVE:

To approve a request from the Jarvis Lions Club to undertake, at Jarvis Lions Park, the replacement of five (5) and the installation of two (2) additional park benches.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report CDP-13-2022 Community Partnership Program – Jarvis Lions Park Benches Replacement be received;
2. AND THAT the request from the Jarvis Lions Club to undertake the replacement of five (5) benches and the installation of two (2) additional benches in Jarvis Lions Park, be approved;
3. AND THAT capital project funding, to an upset amount of \$9,800 to support the installation of park benches in Jarvis Lions Park, with related funding from the Community Partnership Capital Reserve, be approved;
4. AND THAT project and funding approval are conditional upon compliance with Policy 2011-01 and County installation standards, permits, and processes;
5. AND THAT the revised budget as outlined in Report CDP-13-2022 be approved.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Jarvis Lions Park is a vibrant community park in Jarvis, located near the intersection of provincial Highways 6 and 3 (Attachment 1). Amenities include ball diamonds, multi-use courts for tennis, pickleball, and ball hockey, a playground, a paved walking trail, a pavilion and a new nine-hole disc golf course. The Park is adjacent to the Jarvis Lions Community Centre – including a concession that supports Park activities – and the former Jarvis Lawn Bowling Club building, both of which are well-used hall facilities.

The Jarvis Lions Club, which is the proponent on this proposal, is an active community group with over 60 members and a strong history of community service.

This request is to replace five (5) existing benches and install two (2) new benches in the Park. The existing benches are over 20 years old and slated for replacement, and the footings are questionable and not sitting on accessible concrete pads. This request was reviewed by the Community Partnership

Program's Staff Review Team, which in turn, supported the installation and the related CPP funding of \$9,800, representing 35% of the anticipated total budget of \$28,000.

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 rigour of the review process—necessary to ensure that legitimate public interest issues are addressed—with flexibility and respect for the volunteer commitment of community groups.

Since 2011, more than eighty (80) CPP capital grant projects have been completed, leveraging more than \$3.4 million in community-raised funds to construct more than \$5.9 million in County enhancements.

The Jarvis Lions Club is a robust and committed group with a long history of service to the community through events, enhancements, and financial support for community initiatives. The request from the Club is for:

- i. Approval to undertake this project on Haldimand County property; and
- ii. Capital funding to support the replacement of five (5) benches and the installation of two (2) additional benches at Jarvis Lions Park with related upset funding in the amount of \$9,800 from the CPP Capital Reserve, representing no more than 35% of the total budget of \$28,000.

ANALYSIS:

The Proponent:

The Jarvis Lions Club has an active membership of over 60 members, ranging in age from 26 to 91 years, and a decades-long history of community service and fund-raising. In 2019, prior to the global pandemic, the Lions donated over \$50,000 to community projects through fund-raising and lottery proceeds. In 2020 and 2021, in spite of pandemic limitations, the Lions were still able to raise \$12,000, a substantial amount that speaks to the community commitment and financial health of the group.

The Club has also invested in multiple enhancements to the Jarvis Lions Park, most recently constructing a nine-hole disc golf course (Report CDP-06-2022). Prior enhancements have included a fully-accessible walking path including solar lighting and almost 100 new trees, as well as enhancements to ballpark amenities and renovation of a Park building into a clubhouse for use by the Jarvis Amateur Athletics Association for meeting and equipment storage space. The Club takes great pride in the Park and the Community Centre property and has worked with various partner groups over the past decade to develop the site into a hub of community recreation activity, recognized within the County and by visitors/tourists as an exceptional facility.

The Proposed Project:

The current proposal is to replace five (5) existing benches and add two (2) new benches near the playground in Jarvis Lions Park. The benches are intended to be "Lions Club"-style benches, to match those that were placed along the walking trail in 2019. Each bench will be accessible and secured on a suitable concrete pad according to current County construction and accessibility standards. The Club will work closely with County staff to confirm the placement of each bench prior to installation.

This project will enhance an existing County asset and meets the strategic objectives and criteria of Haldimand County and the Community Capital Projects Grant Program, including:

- i. Enhancing community vibrancy and the creation of a healthy community;
- ii. Supporting corporate image and efficient government;
- iii. Creating or maintaining public infrastructure; and
- iv. Capitalizing on collective energies and expertise of participating groups.

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.

The overall proposed budget for this project is \$28,000; the requested CPP funding of \$9,800 is in keeping with the Community Capital Projects grant funding limitation of 35% of the total project value.

Based on approved/recommended projects to date requiring funding from the Community Partnership Capital Reserve, there are sufficient funds available in the Reserve. Should this initiative be approved, there remains approximately \$97,800 in the Community Partnership Reserve which is unallocated for 2022.

The CPP policy requires all community funding for Council-approved projects to 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 is prepared to begin fund-raising for its share of the project (\$18,200) upon approval of the request.

As a result of the proposed project, the following Capital Budget amendment is required:

| | Current Council-Approved Budget | Proposed Revised Budget |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Expenditures | | |
| Jarvis Lions Park Bench Replacement | \$0 | \$28,000 |
| Total Expenditures | \$0 | \$28,000 |
| Financing | | |
| Community Contribution (65%) | \$0 | \$18,200 |
| Community Partnership Capital Reserve (35%) | \$0 | \$9,800 |
| Total Financing | \$0 | \$28,000 |

In addition to the funding required for the requested enhancement, 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 account purposes.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

This application was assessed and supported by the Community Partnership Program (CPP) Staff Review Team, with input from the following Divisions: Community Development & Partnerships,

Facilities, Parks, Cemeteries & Forestry Operations, Facilities Capital & Asset Management, Finance, and Legal & Support Services. Further, the request was reviewed and supported by the County's Accessibility Advisory Committee.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: Yes

Policy: No

REFERENCES:

1. [Policy No. 2011-11 Community Partnership Program](#)

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Location Map – Jarvis Lions Park.