
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report CDP-07-2023 Community Partnership Program – Jarvis Lions Park Pavilion Renovation



For Consideration by Council in Committee on June 20, 2023

OBJECTIVE:

To approve a request from the Jarvis Lions Club to undertake, at Jarvis Lions Park, the renovation of the covered pavilion including replacing the concrete pad and eavestroughs and installing vandal-resistant, energy-efficient LED lighting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report CDP-07-2023 Community Partnership Program – Jarvis Lions Park Pavilion Renovation be received;
2. AND THAT the request to undertake renovation of the pavilion at Jarvis Lions Park, be approved;
3. AND THAT capital project funding to an upset amount of \$17,460 to support the renovation of the pavilion at 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-07-2023 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, with extensive recreational amenities for residents and visitors of all ages including two ball diamonds and a practice field, two tennis/pickleball courts, a multi-use court for basketball/ball hockey, a 1.2 km paved/solar-lit/accessible walking trail, playground, nine-hole disc golf course, and the picnic pavilion currently being considered for renovation. The Park is adjacent to two community halls: Jarvis Lions Community Centre—including a concession that supports park activities—and the former Jarvis Lawn Bowling Club building.

The Jarvis Lions Club is an active community group with over sixty members and a strong history of community service, including constructing and enhancing many of the above-noted amenities. The Jarvis Park Committee is a member of Haldimand County's Fields & Parks Management Program, receiving an annual County operating grant to support volunteer efforts in park maintenance.

The current request is to renovate the pavilion by replacing the heaved and cracked concrete floor, replacing downspouts and eavestroughs, and replacing current lighting with energy-efficient and vandal-resistant LED fixtures.

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 single, streamlined, and customer-focused approach. The program is intended to balance the rigour of the review process—necessary to ensure 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 through the CPP, 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 renovation of the pavilion in Jarvis Lions Park with related upset funding in the amount of \$17,460 from the CPP Capital Reserve, representing no more than 35% of the total budget of \$49,900.

ANALYSIS:

The Proponent:

Although the Jarvis Park Committee is responsible for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the pavilion, the proponent for this application is the Jarvis Lions Club. This Club has over sixty active members, ranging in age from 26 to 91 years, and boasts a decades-long history of community service and successful fund-raising. In partnership with Haldimand County and the community, it has completed multiple enhancements to Jarvis Lions Park including:

- Installation of the 1.2 km paved/solar-lit/accessible walking path and associated steel benches/picnic tables/waste receptacles;
- Planting of more than seventy trees throughout the Park;
- Renovation of the Park maintenance building to accommodate meeting/storage space for minor ball groups; and
- Installation of a nine-hole disc golf course.

Currently, the Club is in the process of replacing five Park benches and adding two more.

The Jarvis Lions Club is in excellent financial condition and takes great pride in the Park and Community Centre property, recognized both within the County and by visitors as an exceptional facility and important community hub.

The volunteer Jarvis Park Committee—as a supporter of this proposal—receives annual County operating funding to maintain the nearly 17-acre Park and its amenities including the pavilion under current consideration as well as three heavily-programmed ball diamonds for play and practice, bleachers, a batting cage, a storage building, a disc golf course, paved walking track and ample open grassy spaces. The Committee is intensely proud of the Park and an engaged partner in both County-led and Club-led capital improvements.

The Project:

The 45-year-old covered pavilion is centrally-located in the Park (Attachment 1) and is heavily used for the benefit of the community (Jarvis and, more widely, Haldimand County). Family groups and organizations host private get-togethers on a regular basis. Additionally, multiple public and fund-raising events make use of the space annually, including JarvisFest in August. The Jarvis Park Committee makes this space available to the public at no charge.

The pavilion has been very well maintained; however, after nearly half a century of use, the concrete floor is cracked and has heaved in multiple places. Replacement of the floor will not only minimize tripping hazards but will also enhance the presentation and desirability of the pavilion for renters.

The Club plans to break up and remove the existing concrete pad and replace it to County specifications. The area around and leading onto the concrete pad will be graded to allow accessibility for all users, based on County and provincial AODA specifications.

Current aging eavestroughs on the pavilion will be replaced to correct water flow and drainage away from the structure, minimizing potential water damage.

Lighting in the pavilion is currently supplied by high-energy-consumption incandescent bulbs that protrude from their fixtures in the ceiling, making them vulnerable to vandalism. As well as costing more in electricity, the bulbs themselves have been regularly broken and/or removed, resulting in the pavilion often being unusable in the evenings. New LED lighting, installed to be vandal-resistant, will allow the pavilion to be lighted, as intended, for night-time use.

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

- (i) Creates or maintains public infrastructure;
- (ii) Reduces the cost of government services by optimizing partnership resources; and
- (iii) Capitalizes on the collective energies and expertise of participating groups.

The current proposal also meets Haldimand County's Corporate Strategic Pillars as follows:

- (i) Community Vibrancy and Healthy Community; and
- (ii) Corporate Image and Efficient Government.

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 budget for this project is \$49,900; the requested CPP funding of \$17,460 is in keeping with the Community Capital Projects grant funding limitation of up to 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 to support the request. Should this initiative be approved, there remains approximately \$207,300 in the Community Partnership Reserve which is unallocated for 2023.

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 has indicated that it presently has in-hand its share of the project (\$32,440) and is eager to begin this renovation project.

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

	Current Approved Budget	Proposed Revised Budget
Expenditures:		
Jarvis Lions Park Pavilion Renovation	\$0	\$49,000
Total Expenditures:	\$0	\$49,000
Financing:		
Community Contribution (65%)	\$0	\$32,440
Community Partnership Capital Reserve (35%)	\$0	\$17,460
Total Financing:	\$0	\$49,900

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 accounting purposes.

Ongoing operating, maintenance and repair costs of the pavilion will remain the responsibility of the Jarvis Park Committee through its annual Haldimand County Fields & Parks Management Program operating agreement and grant. Potential future replacement would be a collaboration between the community groups and the County.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

The current application was circulated to all Divisions via the Community Partnership Program's Staff Review Team. Specifically, the following Divisions participated in a more comprehensive review of the request: Facilities, Parks, Cemeteries & Forestry Operations, Legal & Support Services, Facilities Capital & Asset Management, and Financial & Data Services. All staff supported the proposal.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: Yes

Policy: No

REFERENCES:

1. [Policy No. 2011-11 Community Partnership Policy](#)
2. [Policy No. 2019-04 Fields and Parks Management Program](#)

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Location Map – Jarvis Lions Park Pavilion.