HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report PED-COM-12-2017 Community Partnership Program - Jarvis Lions Trail/Pathway Extension and Core Glow Enhancement

For Consideration by Council in Committee on May 30, 2017

OBJECTIVE:
To approve a construction enhancement to the Jarvis Lions Park Trail/Pathway project, previously approved through PED-COM-26-2016, including an additional connecting pathway to the Jarvis Lawn Bowling Club building and the inclusion of Core Glow material in the concrete pads for benches and signage.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
1. THAT Report PED-COM-12-2017 Community Partnership Program - Jarvis Lions Trail/Pathway Extension and Core Glow Enhancement be received;
2. AND THAT the request to extend the Trail/Pathway to the Jarvis Lawn Bowling Club and undertake the Core Glow enhancement on Haldimand County property be approved;
3. AND THAT the enhancements are conditional upon compliance with Policy 2011-01 and County standards, permits and processes.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
In 2011, Haldimand County approved the Community Partnership Program (CPP) to encourage and enhance strategic community partnerships to the benefit of community groups, the County and residents. To support this public engagement initiative, Council approved $150,000 in annual funding to facilitate capital projects on municipal land. The CPP was also intended to support the efforts of community groups to access third-party sources of funding and in-kind contributions to help facilitate these projects. To date, 38 CPP requests have been approved and 30 projects completed; $1,417,841 in County funding (including $713,620 from the CPP) has resulted in more than $3 million in County enhancements.

In October 2016, through report PED-COM-26-2016, Council approved the construction of an accessible paved Trail/Pathway in Jarvis Lions Park (Attachment 1), approximately one (1) km in length and 2.4m wide. The approved budget for the project is $217,480 with $76,118 from the CPP capital reserve, representing 35% of the total budget.

The Jarvis Lions Club spent late 2016/early 2017 fund-raising for the project and is now ready to begin developing the details and timing of the construction, which is anticipated to start in early summer 2017.
In confirming the project specifications, the Club determined it could include an extension from the approved Trail/Pathway to the Jarvis Lawn Bowling Club, at the west end of the property, within the existing construction budget, and is requesting Council approval to do so. This would ensure the Trail/Pathway is accessible from all buildings/amenities within the Park.

Further, the group identified a ‘glow-in-the-dark’ material (Core Glow), which it would like to include in the concrete pads for benches and trail/pathway signage. The Jarvis Lions Club is also able to include this feature within the approved budget.

The CPP Staff Review Team has reviewed this request and is recommending supporting the proposal by the Jarvis Lions Club to extend the Trail/Pathway to the Jarvis Lawn Bowling Club and incorporate the Core Glow material in the concrete.

BACKGROUND:

Jarvis Lions Park is the community’s centre of recreation, leisure and socialization, used by residents of all ages and serving as the site of large sporting and community events. Its spaciousness and many amenities attract residents and visitors interested in baseball, tennis, basketball, ball hockey and active play. As well, the Jarvis Lions Community Centre and Jarvis Lawn Bowling Club building are on the site, offering space for community meetings and activities, special events and more.

All assets on the property are operated, maintained and supported by the Jarvis Lions Club and/or related organizations including the Jarvis Lions Community Centre Board of Directors, Jarvis Parks Committee and the Jarvis Amateur Athletics Association.

The approved Trail/Pathway will offer not only another type of leisure to meet all ages and abilities, it will also be promoted as a tourism asset.

ANALYSIS:

Since approval of the project in October 2016, the Jarvis Lions Club has been fund-raising for its portion of the budget (approximately $140,000). Having almost reached its financial goal, the Club has started developing the details of the project, including:

- Meeting with neighbours to discuss the construction timeline and any related issues;
- Confirming pricing; and
- Confirming resources (both financial and in-kind).

Trail/Pathway Extension to Jarvis Lawn Bowling Club Building:

In finalizing the location of the Trail/Pathway and related costs, the Jarvis Lions Club realized it could include paving the portion to the Jarvis Lawn Bowling Club within the approved budget, and is asking for permission to do so through this report. The additional paving is approximately 37 metres in length and will ensure increased access to the Lawn Bowling Club building from the Park. (Attachment 1)

Core Glow Enhancement:

As the Club began to confirm the construction details of the Trail/Pathway, members became aware of a unique material called Core Glow, which provides a ‘glow-in-the-dark’ effect in concrete, and is being utilized in some municipal pathways in Ontario, British Columbia and internationally. Originally, the Club had hoped to include the material throughout the Trail/Pathway; however, Core Glow has only been used in concrete, not asphalt. The company which produces the material hoped to work with the Lions Club to ‘pilot’ it in the Jarvis Trail/Pathway; however, the Club decided the construction investment is too great for the uncertainly of how the Core Glow will last over time. Instead, the Club would like to
use the medium density Core Glow in the concrete pads for the benches and project signs (trail head and donor recognition) (Attachment 2) and is able to do this within the approved budget.

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. Although the request by the Jarvis Lions Club does not have financial implications as the enhancements will be paid for within the approved budget, Staff felt the change in scope of the project (in particular the 37m extension of Trail/Pathway to the Jarvis Lawn Bowling Club building) required Council's awareness and endorsement.

Under Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) reporting standards the County is required 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.

Through PED-COM-26-2016, a budget of $217,480 was established with 35% funding ($76,118) from the Community Partnership Program Capital Reserve, and the remainder ($141,362) funded from donations. 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 will be managed through the existing Field Management arrangement. As well, capital replacement or repair of the Trail/Pathway will form part of the County's tax supported budgets and will ultimately have to be incorporated into the County's long-range capital funding plan. The Core Glow enhancement in the concrete pads represents an increased level of service and any future capital repairs, rehabilitation or replacement will be assessed based upon need and may not be committed to by the County without support from the community and/or community groups.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

Community Partnership Program (CPP) requests are assessed through a collaborative process by a Staff Review Team with representatives from all County Divisions. This request was further reviewed in detail by staff from the Facilities & Parks Operations Division.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: No
By-law: No
Budget Amendment: No
Policy: No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Jarvis Lions Park Trail/Pathway – Revised Site Map With Additional Pathway to Lawn Bowling Building.
2. Photos of Core Glow Applications.