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# HALDIMAND COUNTY

## Report CDP-20-2024 CPP Capital Project Jarvis Lions Park Diamond 2 Bleachers Pad



For Consideration by Council in Committee on October 29, 2024

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### OBJECTIVE:

To approve a request from the Jarvis Lions Park Committee to undertake the installation of a concrete pad to support new spectator bleachers at Diamond #2 in Jarvis Lions Park.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report CDP-20-2024 CPP Capital Project Jarvis Lions Park Diamond 2 Bleachers Pad, be received;
2. AND THAT the request to undertake installation of a concrete pad under the bleachers at Diamond 2 in Jarvis Lions Park, be approved;
3. AND THAT capital project funding to an upset amount of \$9,100 to support the installation of a concrete pad under the bleachers at Diamond 2, with related funding from the Community Partnership Capital Reserve, be approved;
4. AND THAT project and funding approval are condition upon compliance with Policy 2011-01 and County installation standards, permits, and processes;
5. AND THAT the revised budget as outlined in Report CDP-20-2024, be approved.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Jarvis Lions Park is a busy community park in Jarvis, located near the intersection of Ontario 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 and ball hockey, a 1.2 km paved/solar-lit accessible walking trail, playground, nine-hole disc golf course, and a recently-renovated picnic pavilion. 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, both of which are operated as community centres.

The Jarvis Athletic Field Association (known as the Jarvis Parks 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 install a concrete pad under newly-placed spectator bleachers at Diamond 2 in the Jarvis Lions Park.

## **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.

The Jarvis Parks Committee is a long-serving community organization with a history of meticulous care of and enhancements to the park. The request from the group is to create a concrete base for new bleachers that were installed in March 2024 in order to improve accessibility and to reduce maintenance labour for the grounds under the bleachers.

## **ANALYSIS:**

### **The Proponent:**

The volunteer-operated Jarvis Parks Committee has been caring for and maintaining the Jarvis Lions Park for decades, considerably predating the amalgamation of Haldimand County in 2001. The group currently receives annual County operating funding to maintain the nearly 17-acre park and its amenities, including a park pavilion, three heavily-programmed ball diamonds, bleachers, a batting cage, a storage building, a disc golf course, a paved walking track and ample open spaces.

Through the Fields & Parks Management Program Policy 2019-04, groups are able to add enhancements to their fields and park through the Community Partnership Program (CPP) Capital Projects grants, which offer up to 35% County funding for approved projects.

Together with the Jarvis Lions Club, the Jarvis Parks Committee has accessed the CPP Capital Projects grants—and undertaken considerable fund-raising—to install multiple enhancement projects in the park. Some of the highlights include:

- installation of new players' benches at the practice/tyke diamond;
- renovation of the park pavilion to update lighting, concrete floor and drainage;
- installation of a nine-hole disc golf course;
- a major multi-year park renovation: installation of a 1.2 km paved and solar-lit accessible walking pathway, incorporating park furniture (picnic tables, benches, and waste receptacles) and the planting of more than seventy (70) trees in the park;
- renovation of the park maintenance building to accommodate meeting and storage space for minor ball groups; and,
- replacement of five park benches and the addition of two more.

This dedication to continuous improvements has resulted in the Jarvis Lions Park being recognized by both residents and visitors as an exceptional facility and an important community hub.

It is the opinion of staff, that the current request to install a concrete pad under the bleachers at Diamond 2 meets the criteria of such a park enhancement and are in support.

### **The Project:**

In March 2024, new spectator bleachers were installed at Diamond 2 through a planned capital project originating with the Facilities, Parks, Cemeteries and Forestry (FPC) Operations. The former wooden

single bleacher set behind home plate was replaced by twin sets of 15-foot-high bleachers (5 rows high), including accessible seating. Each set now sits behind the opposing team’s players’ benches.

The new aluminum bleachers are currently mounted on “plastic sleepers”, which are approved for placement on grass, without the need for additional fasteners to secure the bleachers to the ground. The group has asked for permission to install a new concrete pad for the bleachers, to remove the plastic sleepers, and to bolt the bleachers to the new concrete. The area behind home plate where the former wooden bleachers had been will be a smooth pad for the ease of use for wheelchairs, strollers, and other mobility devices.

The Jarvis Parks Committee had initially asked permission to install a concrete pad in preparation for the capital replacement of the bleachers, however, staff advised the group to wait until the new bleachers were in place to ensure any concrete pad installation was sufficient and appropriate. Engineered drawings, addressing the specifications of the newly-installed bleachers, have been sourced by the group and provided to County staff for approval through the staff review process.

The proposal was reviewed by the interdepartmental team of County staff (known as 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.

In addition, the current proposal 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 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 projects with a total budget of more than \$10,000.

The overall budget for this project is \$26,000. The requested CPP funding of \$9,100 is in keeping with the CPP grant funding limitation of up to 35% of the total project value.

Based on approved and recommended projects to date requiring funding from the Community Partnership Capital Reserve, there is approximately \$53,280 in the Reserve which remains unallocated for 2024. The Jarvis Parks Committee has indicated that it presently has in-hand its share of the project (\$16,900) and is eager to begin this project.

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

|   | Current<br>Approved<br>Budget | Proposed<br>Revised Budget |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Expenditures</b>                         |                               |                            |
| Diamond 2 Concrete Pad                      | \$0                           | \$26,000                   |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                   | <b>\$0</b>                    | <b>\$26,000</b>            |
| <b>Financing</b>                            |                               |                            |
| Community Contribution (65%)                | \$0                           | \$16,900                   |
| Community Partnership Capital Reserve (35%) | \$0                           | \$9,100                    |
| <b>Total Financing</b>                      | <b>\$0</b>                    | <b>\$26,000</b>            |

In addition to the funding requested for the proposed enhancement, the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) reporting standards require the County to record the fair market value of contributed assets. The value of this enhancement will be amortized over the estimated lifespan of the associated asset for accounting and asset management purposes.

Ongoing operating and regular maintenance costs of the proposed concrete pad will form part of the responsibility of the Jarvis Parks Committee through its annual operating grant. As indicated in Policy 2019-04 Fields and Parks Management, amended in 2024, lifespan planning and capital replacement costs will be borne by Haldimand County through its annual tax-supported capital budget process.

## **STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:**

The current application was reviewed by the Community Partnership Programs' Staff Review Team. Specifically, the following Divisions offered feedback and ultimate approval of a more comprehensive review of the request: Facilities, Parks, Cemeteries & Forestry Operations, Legal & Support Services, Facilities Capital & Asset Management, Financial & Data Services, and the Haldimand County Accessibility Coordinator. The Jarvis Lions Club and the Jarvis Lions Community Centre Corporation have also indicated their support of the project.

## **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.