

Council Community Fund Application for Hawkwood Outdoor Recreation Facility Project

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councillor Magliocca is sponsoring an application that will be managed through the Hawkwood Community Association, to the Council Community Fund. The application (Attachment 1) is seeking \$500,000 to support a one-time capital project in Hawkwood. Funds would be used to create an Outdoor Recreational Facility in the community of Hawkwood.

Hawkwood Community Association, with the support of Ward 2, will submit a report back to Priorities and Finance Committee within 12 months of the project completion detailing how the Council Community Fund grant was spent and the outcomes of the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommend that Council:

1. Consider this application for the Council Community Fund for the Hawkwood Community Capital project in the amount of \$500,000 one-time funding request; and
2. Direct Cllr Magliocca's office and the applicant to report back to Priorities and Finance Committee within 12 months of project completion.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRIORITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, 2020 JULY 14:

That the Administration Recommendations contained in Report PFC2020-0696 be adopted.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

As part of the 2010 November deliberations on the 2011 budget, Council originally established the Council Innovation Fund and directed Administration to develop Terms of Reference for the fund and create criteria that would guide Council on requests. On 2019 April 29 Council approved updates to the Council Innovation Fund Terms of Reference and introduced a new fund dedicated to community-driven projects called the Council Community Fund. The revised Terms of Reference for the Council Community Fund can be found on Attachment 4.

Any Council member can submit an application to the Priorities and Finance Committee for review and consideration and ultimately for Council's consideration and approval. The proposal for funding must demonstrate credibility, fiscal responsibility and good management which will be important considerations in the evaluation of applications.

BACKGROUND

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

The application (Attachment 1) and budget (Attachment 2) details this capital project and will utilize best practices that work to strengthen and inspire communities while providing much needed infrastructure to the surrounding community of Hawkwood. The Council Community Fund dollars will work in tandem with the dollars already allocated by the Hawkwood Community Association and help to create a welcoming physical gathering space for the residents of Hawkwood.

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Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

See Attachment 1 for details.

Strategic Alignment

See Attachment 1 for details.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

See Attachment 1 for details.

Financial Capacity

In 2018 November, Council approved the transfer of \$5 million to the Council Innovation Fund. In 2019 April, Council further allocated 20 per cent of the total funds in the Council Innovation Fund to the newly-created Council Community Fund. As of 2019 December 31, the balance of the Council Community Fund is \$1,085,406. This application is requesting one-time funding of \$500,000 from the Council Community Fund. If Council approves this application, the remaining balance of the Council Community Fund would be \$585,406.

Current and Future Operating Budget:

No impact on current and future operating budget.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

No impact on current and future capital budget.

Risk Assessment

Risk of proceeding with the application: In times of budget constraint, the approval of this application may cause negative reputation risk to The Corporation. With The Corporation facing challenging budget considerations, including but not limited to the continued reduction of full-time employees and public dollars spent on projects not viewed as essential, the project may be perceived as wasteful spending. Hawkwood Community Association hopes to mitigate these risks through the application's communications and engagement initiatives.

Risk of not proceeding with the application: If the application does not receive funding, the Hawkwood Outdoor Recreation Facility may not have enough funding to proceed as planned.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

This application meets the existing Council Community Fund Terms of Reference. This capital project is a one-time funding request that will have a direct community impact and helps to advance Council priorities.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 – Application to The City of Calgary Council Community Fund: Hawkwood Outdoor Recreation Facility Project
2. Attachment 2 – Project Overview and Budget
3. Attachment 3 – Phase Design (2020 February) Community Fund Terms of Reference
4. Attachment 4 – Council Community Fund Terms of Reference