

Report Number: EC2025-0211

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2025 February 11

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Capital Conservation Grant - Top Up Funding

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: Councillor Chabot, Councillor Penner, Councillor Sharp

WHEREAS close to 200 community associations and social recreation organizations (volunteer-led) rely on Capital Conservation Grant (CCG) funding to maintain and repair City-owned and community-operated facilities;

AND WHEREAS the budget of the CCG has remained constant and without increase despite the rise in lifecycle costs due to both the cost of goods and the increasing age of facilities;

AND WHEREAS the change of the CCG application process in November 2024 to a grant round process reflects best practice in fund allocations and allows for prioritizing investment, but also creates unintended impacts to the planning and progress of facility improvements in the near term;

AND WHEREAS postponing life-cycling of assets and improvements could be more expensive in the coming years due to increasingly challenging market conditions such as inflation, making dollars invested now more impactful;

AND WHEREAS without additional CCG funding in the short term community partners may be required to fund more infrastructure improvements and may not have the ability to do so;

AND WHEREAS in the longer-term City Administration has already begun exploring the relationship and funding model between The City and its community partners through a community spaces investment program including the approach to building maintenance and operations, and intends to bring forward a budget request as part of the 2027-2030 budget cycle for Council consideration;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Council approve a capital budget increase of \$15M to the Capital Conservation Grant program (P498_001) funded from the Reserve for Future Capital in 2025;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That Council direct Administration to delay the implementation of the CCG grant round application intake until 2026.

Attachments:

1. Notice of Motion Checklist

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