

**Mayor's Office Report to
Priorities and Finance Committee
2018 June 05**

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Council Innovation Fund Application

Council Sponsor: Councillor Jeff Davison, Ward 6

Internal Sponsor(s): Calgary Parks & Calgary Neighbourhoods

Name of Project: Springbank Hill Community Park

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councillor for Ward 6, Jeff Davison, is sponsoring an application to the Council Innovation Fund ("CIF") with the cooperation and support of Calgary Parks, Calgary Neighbourhoods and the Springbank Hill Community Association ("SBHCA"). \$325,000 is being requested from the CIF to support construction of the Springbank Hill Community Park ("the park") whose design has been informed through The City of Calgary's new "This is My Neighbourhood" initiative which has engaged SBHCA on an assessment of community need and on park design. The funding will be used to help support construction of the park over the Summer and Fall of 2018, which will build-out and realize the community's vision that was developed through The City of Calgary's ("The City") new community engagement initiative. Completing a new innovative process from initial concept and iterative design through to implementation & realization as an example to follow in the future (see Attachment 1).

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommends that Council accept the application for information; and
2. That the Priorities and Finance Committee consider this application for Council to utilize the Council Innovation Fund for the Springbank Hill Community Park in the amount of \$325,000 and make a recommendation to Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

As part of the 2010 November deliberations on the 2011 budget, Council established the CIF and directed Administration to develop Terms of Reference for the fund and create criteria that would guide Council on withdrawals request from the CIF. The Terms of Reference (see attachment 2) were adopted in March 2011 and are based on the following:

- The project will contribute to Council's goals and has potential City-wide application;
- The project is innovative or a pilot project or experiment that proposes a new or different way of doing The City's work.

Successful applications must provide detailed documentation and address one of the following:

- a) One-time start up or "seed" funds for initiatives or programs which will support or contribute to Council's priorities.
- b) Pilot projects or experiments that have potential to change city-wide policies and procedures.

Any Council member(s) can submit an application to the Priorities and Finance Committee for review and consideration and ultimately for Council 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.

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BACKGROUND

Currently there is \$1,310,450 remaining in the CIF.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

See Attachment 1 for more details.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

See Attachment 1 for more details.

Strategic Alignment

See Attachment 1 for more details.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

See Attachment 1 for more details.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

See Attachment 1 for more details.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

This would draw down the CIF by \$350,000 - See Attachment 1 for more details.

Risk Assessment

The Terms of Reference for the CIF have been developed to support a wide variety of candidate projects. Councillors retain the discretion to develop and support applications to the CIF and Council retains the discretion and final decision-making power over withdrawals from the fund.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Councillor Davison has requested a withdrawal of \$325,000 from the Council Innovation Fund to support the construction and completion of the Springbank Hill Community Park project. The plans and vision were developed by the Springbank Hill Community Association and The City of Calgary through the new "This is My Neighbourhood" initiative and Councillor Davison is asking the Priorities and Finance Committee and Council for approval of the withdrawal to bring the innovative design process to completion. This application is supported by Calgary Parks, Calgary Neighbourhoods and the Springbank Hill Community Association.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Attachment 1 – Councillor Jeff Davison CIF Application: Springbank Hill Community Park
2. Attachment 2 – City Manager Report – Council Innovation Fund Terms of Reference (Policy Interpretation) PAC2011-05 - 2011 March 01