

## **Township of Southgate**

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## **Staff Report CAO2021-047**

**Title of Report:** Dundalk Swimming Pool Project Budget Approval Report

**Council Date:** June 2, 2021

### **Council Recommendation:**

**Be it resolved that** Council receive staff report CAO2021-047 as information; and

**That** Council approve of a Dundalk Swimming Pool Upgrade project in Southgate based on a budget of \$350,000.00 for reconstruction with building upgrades to change rooms, washrooms and staff admin space to make the building and pool accessible, as well as increased natural lighting inside the building, as well as the use of geothermal and solar panel technology to make the project carbon neutral; and

**That** Council direct staff to proceed with a Dundalk Pool Upgrade project in Southgate for an application to apply for funding under the Infrastructure Canada Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program by the end of June, 2021 deadline using the services of Grant Match.

### **Background:**

Infrastructure Canada has introduced a new funding program that aims to improve community infrastructure to make it more energy efficient, more resilient, and higher performing. The Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Program will invest \$1.5 Billion over the next five years to support municipalities with green and accessible retrofits, repairs or upgrades of existing public community buildings and the construction of new publicly accessible community buildings.

The GICB Program project we would apply under would be for Retrofits, Repairs, and Upgrades to Existing Community Buildings. The community buildings/assets that Southgate would be eligible to apply for would be under a retrofit project for community, culture, and recreation facilities (e.g. community centres, public sports and recreation facilities, cultural buildings, child and youth centres, community adult learning centres, seniors centres etc.).

All retrofit projects must be planned to be completed within the timeframe between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2026.

Eligible Green Retrofits:

- Upgrading lighting systems
- Adding insulation
- HVAC upgrades
- Implementation of new energy management systems and sensors

- Significant reconfigurations to the interior for the purpose of energy savings
- Roof replacement
- Climate resilience retrofits
- Solar PV array
- Wind turbines
- Geothermal exchange systems

#### Eligible Accessibility/Safety Measures:

- Wheelchair ramps
- Visual fire safety devices
- Slip resistant floors
- Widened, automated doorways
- Washroom renovations for wheelchair access
- Assistive listening and communication enhancement technologies
- Auditory/visual output redundant with information on visual displays and auditory output
- Labels in large print and/or braille on equipment control buttons

New construction projects will be required to meet the following minimum standard:

- Built to be ***net-zero carbon***
- Built to be ***net-zero carbon ready***

The GICB will be accepting applications under the intake stream for Small and Medium Retrofit Projects for applications ranging in total eligible costs from *\$100,000 to \$3 Million* will be accepted on a continuous basis and funded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications for the continuous intake stream will be accepted until total funding has been allocated for this stream.

#### Funding:

The GICB Program will provide funding up to the following limits:

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| • Retrofits up to \$9,999,999:                     | <b>80%</b> |
| • Retrofits over \$10,000,000:                     | <b>60%</b> |
| • New builds up to the first \$9,999,999 of costs: | <b>60%</b> |
| • New build costs of \$10,000,000+:                | <b>50%</b> |

#### Staff Comments:

##### **Infrastructure Canada Funding Opportunity – Green and Inclusive Community Building Program**

This grant funding is a significant opportunity for a municipal project in Southgate. The discussion with Grant Match and in review of the program guidelines, our project for the Dundalk Pool Retrofit Project is a good fit. This project would rebuild the main part of the swimming pool building (admin., change rooms and washrooms) and retain the new filter building addition and equipment. The project would make the building and pool publicly accessible and look to incorporate natural lighting with windows, feature geothermal and solar energy features into

the building and pool system as part of a climate change initiative to be carbon neutral and with a net-zero energy focus of this funding application intake.

Staff recommend that we proceed to apply for GICB Funding using Grant Match to lead the process and submit the application for the Township of Southgate.

### **Financial Impact or Long-Term Implications**

There is no financial cost impact to the municipality in making an application for this grant in the 2021 budget as financial requirement to tender and upgrade or construct would be in the 2022 or beyond budget discussions.

The Dundalk Pool Retrofit project if approved would receive 80% of the project in GICB grant funding (\$280,000 with \$252,000 for the project and \$28,000 to pay Grant Match for their services) and at the present time the Recreation Pool Reserve has \$62,891.86 to support a project. To support the project cost estimate of \$350,000.00 some funding from tax dollars from other reserves or allocation in the 2022 budget would be required.

### **Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:**

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

### **Goal 4 - Adequate and Efficient Public Facilities**

**Action 4:** The residents and businesses of Southgate expect the Township to plan and adequately provide for public facilities for gatherings, recreation and doing business with the Township, while recognizing at the same time that facility needs can change with age and a changing population.

### **Concluding Comments:**

1. That Council receive this staff report as information.
2. That staff proceed with Grant Match and apply for an Infrastructure Canada Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program Project for the Dundalk Swimming Pool.

Respectfully Submitted,

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