
Request for Budget Adjustment – Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

Recommendation

That the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommend to City Council:

1. That the Budget be adjusted for Capital Project No. 2354 CY – Accessible Playgrounds to reflect the increase of \$150,000 in Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Funding;
2. That \$150,000 be returned to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures from Capital Project No. 2354; and
3. That the Budget be adjusted for Capital Project No. 1135 AF – Civic Building Comprehensive Maintenance Program to reflect the decrease of \$150,000 in expenditures and the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Funding.

Topic and Purpose

The purpose of this report is to request City Council approval of budget adjustments to Capital Project No. 1135 AF – Civic Building Comprehensive Maintenance Program and Capital Project No. 2354 CY – Accessible Playgrounds to reflect approved funding from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (Canada 150).

Report Highlights

1. Due to a change in methodology and favourable tendering of the White Buffalo Youth Lodge (WBYL) Roof Replacement, the City of Saskatoon (City) received approval for the addition of stucco and flooring at WBYL, as well as to use the remainder of Canada 150 funding for replacement of the Ashworth Holmes Accessible Play Structure.
2. The Administration is recommending that Canada 150 funding be transferred between Capital Project Nos. 1135 and 2354 to reflect the additional approved scope of work.

Strategic Goals

This report supports the long-term strategy of reducing the gap in the funding required to rehabilitate and maintain the City's infrastructure under the Strategic Goal of Asset and Financial Sustainability.

This report also supports the long-term strategy of ensuring existing and future leisure centres, and other recreational facilities, are accessible physically and financially and meet community needs under the Strategic Goal of Quality of Life.

Background

At its meeting on January 4, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Finance was informed that two projects received funding from the Canada 150: Play Structure Upgrade and Replacement and the White Buffalo Youth Lodge Roof Replacement.

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Canada 150 Project

After the Canada 150 application for the WBYL Roof Replacement was approved, the Administration determined that a less costly roofing method could be used and the full amount of Canada 150 funding would not be required for this project.

To ensure approved funding was fully utilized, the City submitted a request to Canada 150 to add the flooring and stucco replacement at WBYL, and to use the remaining balance of funding for the Ashworth Holmes Playground Replacement. On January 24, 2018, the City received approval for this request.

The original estimated cost of the WBYL Roof Replacement was \$620,000, of which Canada 150 would fund a maximum of \$310,000.

The final total eligible costs for the various approved components are as follows:

Project Component	Eligible Costs
WBYL Roof Replacement	\$285,800
WBYL Floor Replacement	\$ 24,200
WBYL Stucco Replacement	\$ 10,100
Ashworth Holmes Accessible Play Structure*	\$299,900
TOTAL ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES	\$620,000

* This is the remaining amount of the Canada 150 funding. The total cost of the play structure exceeded this amount and was funded through other methods such as the Caswell Hill Community Association, Neighbourhood Park Enhancement Reserve and Reserve for Capital Expenditures.

The full \$310,000 (which represents 50% of the eligible expenditures) of Canada 150 funding is currently within Capital Project No. 1135 AF – Civic Building Comprehensive Maintenance Program for the WBYL Roof Replacement. The additional scope of work for the WBYL stucco and flooring replacement will also be funded from existing funding within Capital Project No. 1135.

Transfer of Funding

The Administration is recommending that \$150,000 of Canada 150 funding be transferred from Capital Project No. 1135 AF – Civic Building Comprehensive Maintenance Program to Capital Project No. 2354 CY – Accessible Playgrounds.

The Administration is also recommending that \$150,000 from Capital Project No. 2354 be returned to the Reserve for Capital Expenditures (RCE). This return will allow for the \$150,000 to be re-allocated through the 2019 Budget process to other necessary projects.

Options to the Recommendation

City Council could choose not to approve the transfer between the capital projects and the return of funding to RCE. The Administration does not recommend this option as Canada 150 approved that the remainder of the funding be allocated to the Ashworth Holmes Playground Replacement project. This reallocation allows the City to have additional funds available from returned RCE funds to use on other priority projects.

Financial Implications

The financial implications are included in the body of the report.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no policy, environmental, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations. Neither public and/or stakeholder involvement nor a communication plan is required.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

There is no due date or follow up required.

Public Notice

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Report Approval

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