



# REPORT

## Arena and Parks Department

**TO:** Finance Committee  
**FROM:** Amanda Ferraro, Director of Community Services  
**DATE:** April 17, 2023  
**REPORT: PR-07/23** **FILE NO.**

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**SUBJECT:** Bonner Fields, Inclusive Community Grant

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### BACKGROUND:

The Inclusive Community Grant (ICG Program) is now accepting applications and submissions are due on April 20<sup>th</sup>. We were successful in the past with this grant for making the Quaker trail more accessible.

This ICG program is to support age-friendly community for older adults and people with disabilities and can include:

- Improved accessibility, walkability, and safety of communities; • Reduced social isolation, improved inclusion and intergenerational connections;
- Improved communication and collaboration between planners and the community;
- Increased opportunities for participation and volunteerism; and,
- Improved access to, and awareness of, health and community services.

The 2023-24 ICG Program will provide up to a maximum of \$60,000 per successful applicant for projects that take place between August 2023 and March 31, 2024.

- [2023-24 Inclusive Community Grants Program Guidelines - Forms - Central Forms Repository \(CFR\) \(gov.on.ca\)](#)

## **DISCUSSION:**

The timelines are tight, and we have looked through our already approved Capital projects and feel the **Bonner Field Pavilion upgrades** would be the best fit. Specifically focussing on the accessible washrooms, the accessible pathway surrounding the building and accessibility in general to support the fully accessible Jumpstart Multi-Sport Court.

For timing purposes, we will proceed with making one washroom accessible and if successful with the grant we will make both accessible. We will also plan on a basic accessible pathway and if successful with the grant expand the pathway around the building.

With the Jumpstart Multi-Sport Court on site, the potential of more accessible sports and the increased use of Seniors playing Pickleball we feel this is a strong ask.

We will request support letters from the Accessibility Committee, the Age Friendly Committee, Jumpstart and the Pickleball Club.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Report PR-07/23 from Amanda Ferraro, Director of Community Services be received for information;

AND THAT Finance Committee support the application for the 2023-24 ICG Program up to a maximum of \$60,000

Respectfully Submitted by:

Amanda Ferraro, Director of Community Services