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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **February 9, 2023**

FROM: **Acting General Manager, Planning & Development** FILE: **0710-130**
(Chuck Bailey Rec. Centre Expansion)

SUBJECT: **Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre Expansion Grant Application to Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program**

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Endorse the application for grant funding for the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre Expansion Project to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program's second intake of proposals.

INTENT

The intent of this report is to obtain Council's endorsement for a grant funding application to Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program ("the Program") for the Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre Expansion project. Council's endorsement is a requirement for the Program application.

BACKGROUND

The Program is a federal grant program being administered by Infrastructure Canada. The \$1.5 billion funding stream aims to support retrofits, repairs, or upgrades of existing publicly accessible community buildings, as well as new buildings for underserved and high-needs communities.

In December 2022, the grant Program announced it is currently taking its second intake for project applications until February 28, 2023. The applications submitted will be evaluated on a competitive basis using eligibility and merit criteria.

Criteria that new building projects are required to meet are:

- Zero Carbon Design standard: All applications for new build projects under the GICB Program's second scheduled intake will be required to meet the latest version (v3) of its Zero Carbon Building ("ZCB") Design Standard.

- Climate Resiliency and Best Practices Adoption: New building projects must demonstrate they have conducted a climate risk assessment and identify measures mitigating all medium and high risks.
- Accessibility: The projects must meet the highest published accessibility standard(s) – as defined in the Canadian Standards Association's Technical Standard Accessible Design for the Built Environment (CAN/CSA B651-18; or its most recent version) – or relevant provincial or territorial building codes or municipal by-laws.
- Located in and demonstrates the ability to serve one or more communities with high-needs.

DISCUSSION

The new expansion to Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre satisfies all of the Program criteria.

The new expansion to Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre will offer a state-of-the-art community hub for residents of all ages to learn, exercise, participate in sport, and to enjoy a fun and healthy environment. The new project will help in advancing the development of the City Centre downtown core, while enhancing community services to meet the growing recreation needs in the City Centre and North Surrey areas. The new expansion will include a gymnasium, weight room, fitness studio, multi-purpose rooms, community kitchen, art room, childcare spaces, and other indoor and outdoor spaces to support enhanced programming for children, youth, and seniors.

Based on staff's review of the funding considerations for the Program, staff estimate that the expansion to Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre could be eligible for as much as \$13,500,000 in grant funding.

CONCLUSION

Upon Council approval of this report, staff will supplement the City's application by providing Council's endorsement. No specific dates have been identified for the funding decision announcement. Staff will continue to pursue other available grant opportunities and incentives to provide additional funding to the project.

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