

# **2019 Neighbourhood Association Annual Grant Allocation By-law**

## **Background**

Neighbourhood Associations are volunteer organizations that work in cooperation with the City of Greater Sudbury (City) to improve the quality of life in their community. Neighbourhood Associations organize and promote local leisure opportunities to meet the needs of area residents. Neighbourhood Associations are involved with a variety of programs, activities, and special events including community clean-ups, winter carnivals, outdoor rinks and providing community meeting space.

As part of the 2019 budget process, Council approved the annual budget allocation in support of the Neighbourhood Associations in the amount of \$54,281. Annual grants support Neighbourhood Association activities and events. Neighbourhood Associations that are affiliated with the City are considered for a grant within the limits of the available financial resources. Neighbourhood Associations are entitled to no more than one grant per year and are required to complete a grant application form that details the purpose of the grant. As per the terms and conditions for Neighbourhood Association Grants, a maximum of \$1,500 is available to each association.

Each association upon utilization of the funds must submit a Post Project Report. Subsequent grant applications from an association will not be considered unless a Post Project Report has been submitted for any previous grants issued.

The following is a summary of eligible grant expenditures:

### **Equipment**

Equipment purchases should create opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to take part in a wide range of sports and leisure programs. The purchased materials will remain the property of the City of Greater Sudbury should the association dissolve.

### **Community Special Events**

Community Special Events hosted by the association will reflect neighbourhood needs and priorities. Localized special events allow volunteers to create new partnerships, sponsorships, attract new volunteers and foster community engagement and involvement for all ages.

### **Operating Costs**

Operating costs are defined as the association's ongoing costs, i.e. purchase of snow blowers, mail outs, gas, oil and telephone. Costs to hire staff are not eligible for funding. The intent of the operating fund is to assist associations in effectively conducting their business and enabling them to use their own fundraising dollars for ongoing activities.

Grant applications have been reviewed by an ad hoc committee consisting of Leisure Services Division staff and Neighbourhood Association volunteers. The attached summary sheet (Appendix A—Neighbourhood Association 2019 Grant Allocation) outlines the 2019 allocation requests. The budgeted funds are being distributed to a total of 34 Neighbourhood Associations.