

Executive Summary

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is a cost-shared infrastructure funding program between the federal government, provinces and territories, and municipalities and other recipients. This program will see up to \$30 billion in combined federal, provincial and other partner funding, under four priority areas, including public transit, and culture and recreation.

Earlier in 2019, application intake windows were announced for the ICIP Transit Stream and the Northern and Rural Community Stream. The CGS submitted an application for Transit funding but was not eligible for the Northern and Rural Community funding as our city's population exceeds 100,000.

In late August, the Province of Ontario announced that it would accept applications for the Community, Culture and Recreation Funding Stream between September 3 and November 12, 2019.

Approximately \$407 million in federal funding and \$320 million in provincial funding will be available for the Community, Culture and Recreation stream over 10 years starting in 2019-2020. The following breakdown defines the maximum cost-share percentages of total eligible costs for projects approved under this program stream:

	Percentage
Federal Contribution	40.00
Provincial Contribution	33.33
Municipal Contribution	26.67

Under the program guidelines released in early September, municipalities can apply for multiple projects in two categories:

1. Multipurpose Projects with a maximum project value of \$50 million
2. Rehabilitation and Renovation Projects with a maximum project value of \$5 million

CGS staff have reviewed the funding program criteria and examined municipal priority capital projects that meet the following conditions:

- fits the program criteria, including
 - a capital project that demonstrates sufficient project readiness, operational plan and community need
 - an eligible asset type, including recreation facilities, cultural facilities or community centres
- speaks to the program goals identified by the federal and provincial governments
- is sufficiently advanced so that the information necessary to produce a compelling application is available
- not yet fully approved or underway so that the value of the ICIP funding can be fully realized

Based on this evaluation, staff are recommending that four projects be submitted for consideration, two for each category.

The Multi-Purpose Category will support new build and construction projects and focuses on integrated service delivery to address identified service gaps, with a total project cost up to \$50 million. For this

category, staff are recommending that applications be submitted for the Valley East Twin Pad Project and the Library/Art Gallery Project.

The Rehabilitation and Renovation Category will support renovations and rehabilitations, small-scale improvements or small new build projects with a total project cost up to \$5 million. For this category, staff are recommending that applications be submitted for the Neighbourhood Playground Field Houses Project and the Recreational Court Revitalization Project.

Brief Details of Recommended Projects

Valley East Twin Pad

As part of 2018 budget deliberations, Council received a business case for a Valley East Twin Pad arena. The business case identified the Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre location as a potential location for a new twin pad facility. Yellowega Bélanger Salach Architecture (YBSA) was retained to conduct a community consultation process to gather input on the proposed facility and to confirm desired programming within the facility.

Key program elements of the proposed facility following the community consultation process are:

- Twin Pad Arena (NHL size rinks each with 400 seat capacity)
- 8 change rooms and referee change rooms per ice surface
- Gymnasium (multipurpose sports programming such as indoor soccer training, pickleball, roller hockey, exercise classes etc.)
- Heated viewing area
- Café/ Restaurant/ Concessions
- Public Concourse / Lobby
- Support Spaces
- Upgrade to existing informal trails on property and addition of an outdoor skating loop.

The estimated cost is \$22.7M for construction costs and \$28.4M for total project costs.

Library/Art Gallery Project

The shared Library Art Gallery facility will be a 92,700 sq. ft. building of which 27,000 sq. ft. is dedicated space for the Art Gallery of Sudbury. This co-location was identified as a way to reduce capital and operating costs relative to separate facilities. It will be a technologically sophisticated, materially beautiful and a modern building that does not lose sight of Greater Sudbury's history and northern Ontario lifestyle.

The LAG will create a civic landmark and centerpiece for Greater Sudbury, through both innovative physical spaces and dynamic, responsible programming, the LAG will improve access to public spaces, promote diversity and contribute to a vibrant and healthier community. The LAG will create a cultural hub in the City's historic downtown, spurring growth in the arts and culture district and giving both the Library and the Art Gallery more space to better serve the

community as a resource for information – an important catalyst for ideas and imagination. As the “living room” of our community, the new facility will help to cultivate a climate of lifelong learning, creativity and innovation.

The building will embrace and reflect the ongoing creative culture of Downtown Sudbury through public art, exhibitions and programming. Special places will be created throughout the facility allowing people of all ages to enjoy one of the quiet nooks or group spaces. All, while achieving family friendly outdoor spaces, and lots of green space with seating and sculptures. The new LAG building program calls for a signature building that will be an enduring and instantly recognized as a Sudbury landmark, embodying the City’s civic values, but also conveying a sense of wonder, expectation and discovery.

The estimated capital cost of this project is \$42 million.

Neighbourhood Playground Field Houses Project

The City owns 63 field house buildings located at neighbourhood and community parks across Greater Sudbury. These facilities support recreation programming such as outdoor rinks, neighbourhood playground programs and minor and adult field sports. Several buildings are used by third party non-profit groups providing recreation and community services including food banks, arts programs, service clubs, etc. These field houses were generally built in the 1970’s and as such require capital repairs to bring them back to a good state of repair. Building condition assessments of the field house buildings were completed in 2016 and they show that \$2,757,000 is needed to return the 63 sites to an “as new” state with no apparent defects. This proposed project would prioritize investment in field houses which have four season use, are used by community agencies and/or fulfill a service gap. Improvements to address accessibility would be included with the scope of the project.

Recreational Court Revitalization Project

The City's Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan noted the need for strategic investment in outdoor sports courts (tennis and basketball courts) due to a backlog of deferred maintenance over several years. The Master Plan recommends capital improvements in high use areas and re-purposing of under-utilized tennis courts for other purposes (pickleball, basketball, skate parks, etc.). As per an internal asset management plan, 75% of outdoor courts were deemed in poor condition, requiring investment within 5-years. An estimated \$1,875,000 investment in tennis courts and an estimated \$1,750,000 in basketball courts are called for in the asset management plan.

Conclusion

Based on the direction provided by Council, staff will finalize and applications for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to meet the deadline of November 12, 2019.