

Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Infrastructure and Engineering Services
Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Rob Pollock, Director, Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries
Date: October 28, 2022
Subject: Pickleball Courts Tender – Community Building Fund

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The construction of two pickleball courts in Chatham be removed from the locations previously approved for construction of pickleball courts funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Community Build Grant.
2. The tender be awarded to Westhoek Construction as the lowest bidder for construction of a total of 8 pickleball courts in the communities of Blenheim, Dresden, Tilbury and Wallaceburg in the amount of \$627,581.70 (HST included.)
3. The deficit in funding for the project in the amount \$20,556.72 be funded from the Strategic Reserve.
4. The Chatham-Kent Pickleball Club be authorized to fundraise for a pickleball hub and administration work with the group to finalize a location in Chatham that meets their needs.

Background

On September 13, 2021 Council approved administration's request to apply for funding through the Ontario Trillium Foundation's (OTF) Community Building Grant to install 10 pickleball courts in Chatham-Kent.

In January, 2022, administration received funding through this grant in the amount of \$419,600 for construction and \$10,000 for signage. Chatham-Kent's one time funding share of \$125,000 for construction costs as well as annual maintenance and lifecycle costs were approved during the 2022 budget process.

Community engagement was completed and 5 locations were chosen with 2 courts going in each location.

On July 11, 2022, Council approved:

1. The five locations identified for construction of a total of ten new pickleball courts be constructed in the communities of Blenheim, Chatham, Dresden, Tilbury, and Wallaceburg be approved.
2. That administration return with a report regarding the addition of 4 courts to create a hub in one of the aforementioned communities.”

In August, 2022, administration issued the tender for the 10 pickleball courts and the tenders came in over budget for the project.

Comments

The OTF will not provide more money for this initiative which leaves two options to move forward with this project:

- 1) Council approves additional funds to complete the entire project.

This would increase the funding required from the Municipality for the project. Chatham-Kent's portion of funding for this project in the amount of \$125,000 was previously approved to be funded from the Strategic Reserve and it would need to be determined where the additional funds would come from.

- 2) Remove two pickleball courts to cut the total costs and the remaining funding deficit be paid for through the Strategic Reserve.

Administration met with the Chatham-Kent Pickleball Club to discuss the development of the pickleball hub and the group informed administration that they support removing the two pickleball courts in Chatham that were previously approved for construction next to W.K. Erickson Arena and focus on developing a pickleball hub.

With this information, administration is recommending removing the two courts that were previously approved for construction in Chatham to meet budget capacities for the project. Administration will work with the Chatham-Kent Pickleball Club on the development of a pickleball hub in Chatham.

T22-295Tender Breakdown

Company	Bid Total (HST included)	Less Chatham Location Pricing (HST included)	New Total (HST included)
Westhoek Construction Limited	\$782,654.30	-\$155,072.63	\$627,581.67
Signature Contractors	\$782,861.74	-\$154,619.03	\$628,242.71

Areas of Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors

The recommendations in this report support the following areas of strategic focus:

- ☐ Economic Prosperity:
Chatham-Kent is an innovative and thriving community with a diversified economy
- ☒ A Healthy and Safe Community:
Chatham-Kent is a healthy and safe community with sustainable population growth
- ☒ People and Culture:
Chatham-Kent is recognized as a culturally vibrant, dynamic, and creative community
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability:
Chatham-Kent is a community that is environmentally sustainable and promotes stewardship of our natural resources

The recommendations in this report support the following critical success factors:

- ☒ Financial Sustainability:
The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is financially sustainable
- ☒ Open, Transparent and Effective Governance:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is open, transparent and effectively governed with efficient and bold, visionary leadership
- ☐ Has the potential to support all areas of strategic focus & critical success factors
- ☐ Neutral issues (does not support negatively or positively)

Consultation

Purchasing was consulted on the tender process.

Finance reviewed the report.

Financial Implications**Project Budget for Courts in Blenheim, Dresden, Tilbury and Wallaceburg**

Item	Amount
Construction Costs - Eight Pickleball Courts (after HST rebate)	\$565,156.72
Estimated Costs – Ontario Build Sign	\$10,000
Total Construction and Signage Costs	\$575,156.72
Municipal Funding - 20% of Project Cost -Previously Approved	(\$125,000)
Provincial Funding- Community Building Grant	(\$419,600)
Provincial Funding - Ontario Builds Sign	(\$10,000)
Total Funding	(\$554,600)
Project Funding Deficit	\$20,556.72

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