



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REPORT

From: Mayor Barbara Desjardins and Councillor Meagan Brame

Council Meeting: December 17, 2018

Subject: Sports Fields Working Group Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Supports the submission of a grant application to Canada-BC Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for the Sports Fields at Esquimalt High School;
2. Direct staff to assist the consultant and the Working Group Representatives with the grant application process and submit the finalized grant on behalf of the Township; and
3. Direct staff to engage School District No. 61 representatives and other appropriate partners to develop a draft Memorandum of Understanding for the Esquimalt High School Sports Fields grant application and that a final agreement be brought back to Council for approval if the grant application is successful.

BACKGROUND:

See attached Notice of Motion approved by Council November 26th, 2018, for additional background information.

The Ribfest Society has accumulated approximately \$400,000 from fundraising efforts and community contribution commitments for this project. The opportunity to leverage these funds to their maximum exists through this grant process.

There are significant differences in the financial leveraging available with this grant depending upon the organization submitting the application. Local government (Township of Esquimalt) is eligible for 73.33% contribution leveraging, a First Nations submission is eligible for 90% leveraging, and a Not-For-Profit (i.e. Ribfest Society) is eligible for 65% leveraging.

On Monday December 17th, the School District No. 61 Board will be discussing the following proposed motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Superintendent to engage with appropriate partners to create a draft Memorandum of Understanding for the Esquimalt High Turf Field that may be included in a joint grant application submission for funds for the project and that a final agreement be brought back to the Board for approval following the success of the funding application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Staff resources would be required for preparation and submission of the application and implementation of the grant if approved. There are no additional financial implications for the Township at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Barbara Desjardins and
Councillor Meagan Brame
Members of the Working Group