

**DATE:** June 21, 2021

**REPORT NO:** REC-09-2021

**SUBJECT:** **Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Application – Wellandport Disc Golf Course Update**

**CONTACT:** Mike DiPaola, P.Eng. Director of Public Works & Recreation

**OVERVIEW:**

- At its March 22, 2021 meeting, Council endorsed the construction of a nine (9) hole disc golf course at the Wellandport Community Centre property, subject to the approval of Canada Healthy Communities Initiative funding application, as laid out in Staff Report REC-03-2021.
- Township staff received correspondence from the Healthy Communities Initiative Support Team on May 11, 2021 that our application was not successful.
- Under this funding program, the Township has an opportunity to apply for Round 2. Applications for Round 2 opened on May 14, 2021 and staff are proceeding with re-submitting the funding request prior to the June 25, 2021 deadline.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That, Report REC-09-2021, re: Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Application – Wellandport Disc Golf Course Update, dated June 21, 2021 be received for information.

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

**Theme # 4**

- **Local Attractions** – Providing amenities, programs and services that bring the community together.

**Theme #5**

- **Community Health and Safety** – West Lincoln continues to be a safe community where all residents are supported to thrive throughout their lives.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Healthy Communities Initiative supports communities as they create and adapt public spaces, and programming and services for public spaces to respond to ongoing needs

arising from COVID-19 over the next two years. This investment from the Government of Canada will fund small-scale infrastructure projects to create safer, more vibrant and inclusive communities. It encourages community-level innovation and improvements in the quality of life for residents, as local communities continue to adapt to COVID-19 in developing new ways to keep residents safe and healthy.

As outlined in Report REC-03-2021 that was presented to the Public Works/Recreation/Arena Committee on March 15, 2021, staff submitted a funding request for \$75,000 under the first round of application intakes.

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

On May 11, 2021, staff received correspondence that the Township's application was not approved for funding and we were invited to apply for Round 2 of the application intakes.

Applications for Round 2 opened on May 14, 2021 with a deadline of June 25, 2021.

Staff have reviewed its previous application and will be making revisions to it in order to resubmit another application as part of Round 2. The funding request remains the same at \$75,000.

Staff are working collaboratively with the Smithville Christian High School to revise and provide further information to each section/question of the application form to improve on this funding submission.

Staff have also reached out to NPCA, to obtain a letter of support outlining how this proposed project aligns with NPCA's desire to connect people with nature and promoting the Niagara Peninsula as a destination of choice for adventure, culture, and ecological tourism.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The Disc Golf Project outlined in this report and the previous report REC-03-2021 is contingent on receiving the funding of \$75,000 through the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative.

The 2021 Budget as approved by Council on March 1, 2021 did not allocate any funds towards this Project.

**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS:**

This Report was reviewed by the Director of Finance/Treasurer and CAO.

**CONCLUSION:**

Staffs first funding application in the amount of \$75,000 under the Canada Healthy Community Initiative for the construction of a nine (9) hole disc golf course at the Wellandport Community Centre Property was unsuccessful, however the Township was invited to re-submit its application under Round 2 of the application process. Staff will be re-submitting its application prior to the June 25, 2021 deadline.

**Prepared & Submitted by:**



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