



The Corporation of the City of Cornwall
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Report

Department: Planning, Development and Recreation
Division: Parks and Recreation
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Subject: Funding Application for Cornwall Arts and Culture Centre

Purpose

Provide Cornwall City Council with information on an intended cost-share funding application for Cornwall Arts and Culture Centre.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Funding Application for Cornwall Arts and Culture Centre.

Financial Implications

The 2020 Budget Submission includes a capital project for the proposed renovation/addition of 159 Pitt St. for conversion into an Arts and Culture Centre. The project value listed in the 2020 Budget Submission is \$6 million, with \$1 million funded from the community fundraising campaign and the remaining \$5 million to be financed. Should the funding application be successful, the project funding would be divided between the municipality (26.7%), the province (33.3%), and the federal government (40%). The funding from the community fundraising campaign would be part of the municipality's funding contribution.

Strategic Priority Implications

This project aligns with forthcoming Cornwall Strategic Plan 2019-2022 Priority 4, Item 1: Focus on reducing the number of vacant commercial spaces and Priority 5, Item 1 Reduce energy consumption; and Cornwall Strategic Plan 2016-2018 Pillar 1, Item C: Development of multidisciplinary facility/art centre.

Background / Discussion

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is a cost-shared infrastructure focused funding program designed to create long-term economic growth, build inclusive, sustainable and resilient communities and support a low-carbon economy. As a cost-share funding opportunity between the federal government, provinces and territories, and municipalities, the ICIP will facilitate up to \$30 billion in infrastructure investment by the federal and provincial governments before March 2027.

The Community, Culture and Recreation Stream represents one of the four ICIP priorities, and is intended to cover community infrastructure design and capital construction costs, improve access to services, and increase the quality of community, cultural, and recreation initiatives. Priority is given to projects that are community-oriented, non-commercial, and open to the public.

Accessibility Impact

This project will meet or exceed the requirement of Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and the Ontario Building Code. The facility design process will allow for consultation, assessment, and recommendations by the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Conclusion

No further action is required by Council at this time.