

City of Mississauga
Corporate Report



<p>Date: October 16, 2024</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of General Committee</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services</p>	<p>Meeting date: October 23, 2024</p>

Subject

Joint-Use and Funding Agreement with the Peel District School Board for upgrades to an existing track and field facility, including creating a new multi-purpose artificial turf facility for soccer, field hockey, football, rugby and lacrosse on school board

Recommendation

1. That the Commissioner of Community Services and the City Clerk on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Mississauga (The City) be authorized to enter into and execute a Joint Use and Funding agreement with the Peel District School Board (PDSB) for upgrades to existing track and field facility, including creating a new lighted multi-purpose artificial turf facility for soccer, field hockey, football, rugby and lacrosse on school board lands on school board lands, including all documents ancillary thereto and subsequent amending agreements, all in form and content satisfactory to the City Solicitor as outlined in the report dated October 16, 2024
2. That all necessary by-laws be enacted.

Background

The City and PDSB has previously entered into various joint use agreements for the purposes of providing recreational facilities that serve the residents of Mississauga. Joint use agreements with school boards are an efficient way to deliver park services such as all-weather artificial turf track and field facilities. This partnership will maximize available resources while meeting the community's recreational needs.

As part of the 2024 provincial budget, the Ontario government announced the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF). Administered by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the CSRIF is a \$200 million capital funding program designed to revitalize existing community sport and recreation infrastructure and support the construction of new facilities across the province.

The CSRIF aims to create local jobs, strengthen and enliven communities, provide Ontarians with opportunities to participate in sport and recreation activities, and support the health and well-being of children, families and seniors across Ontario.

Through Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitate, funding is available to extend the lifespan of existing community sport and recreation facilities/spaces that offer sport or recreation programming, maximize the use of existing facilities, and improve health and safety, accessibility and environment standards of existing facilities. Projects must be completed within two years of entering into a transfer payment agreement and must be open primarily for the use of the public upon project completion.

Through this 50/50 cost-shared program, eligible projects can receive between \$150,000 and \$1 million. With applications to Stream 1 due October 29, 2024, City staff plan to submit a proposal to upgrade the existing track and field facility at Woodlands Secondary School into an artificial turf multi- purpose field and 8 lane track facility with lighting. This project was selected given its alignment with the 2024 Parks, Forestry and Environment Future Directions Plan, which speaks to joint use agreements being an effective and efficient strategy for delivering park services on non-City owned lands, and its ability to meet the funding programs core objectives and project eligibility (i.e., increase hours of operation, enhance functionality and/or participation rates, improve access to facility/field of play, lower operating costs).

Funding is recommended in the 2025-2034 Capital Budget and Forecast in the amount of \$2.54M cashflowed in 2025/2026 for an Artificial Turf field conversion to be allocated in 2025 pending council approval. Renovations to upgrade an existing track and field facility into a new lighted multi-purpose facility for soccer, football, field hockey, rugby and lacrosse on school board lands are estimated between \$5-5.6M.

The intent of the grant funding is to reduce the capital costs for both the City and the PDSB contribution. If not successful in receiving the grant, the City and the PDSB are still in support of carrying out this project with the forecasted funding.

Stream 2: New Builds / Signature New Builds will provide up to \$10 million for new community sport and recreation facilities that can be completed by March 31, 2027, and no other Provincial funding can be used towards the project. There is no submission deadline for Stream 2, and Community Services staff are currently reviewing this opportunity. Detailed information on this stream and any project recommended for submission will be presented to Mayor and Council at a future meeting.

Comments

Community Services Staff requires Council authority to enter into a Joint use and Funding agreement with the PDSB. The proposal is for the PDSB and the City to jointly share, on a 50/50 basis, the cost of construction, maintenance, and repairs to the track and field facility at

Woodlands Secondary School. The PDSB will be responsible for the construction of the facility with input from the City on design and construction.

As part of this application, it is a requirement that the applicant (the City) provides documentation of either being the land owner, or lease-holder for the facility/community space that the project will be improving. To satisfy this requirement, and as permitted by the CSRIF program, staff have requested a letter from the PDSB in absence of a formal agreement being in place at the time of application submission.

Financial Impact

In addition to Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure fund, a budget of \$2.54M for the City's portion has been requested in PN 25330 Sport Field and Court Maintenance as part of 2025 proposed capital business plan submission pending council approval. Additional funds will be cash flowed in 2025 and 2026 for an Artificial Turf field multi-sport conversion.

Conclusion

The City has a long standing partnership with the Peel District School Board to share facilities on City's lands and vice versa. The City's contribution to this project will ensure community access to a improved track and field facility that provides opportunities for residents to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Location Map



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