

Staff Report

To: Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council or reflect Chair and Committee
Report From: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Meeting Date: May 26, 2025
Subject: Ontario Government - Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF)(Stream 2) Opportunity – Memorial Arena - UPDATE

Recommendation:

That the Memorial Arena Task Force receive the Chief Administrative Officer's report for information.

Report Summary:

To update the Memorial Arena Task Force members, since their May 12, 2025, meeting, of the Province of Ontario's announcement surrounding the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF)(Stream 2).

Background and Analysis:

The CSRIF was launched on August 19, 2024. Applications for CSRIF Stream 2 were being accepted on an ongoing basis until funding was fully allocated. Approved projects could receive up to \$10 million for Stream 2, with eligible project expenses incurred no later than March 31, 2027.

On May 14, 2025, the Ontario Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund Team advised the Town of Goderich that they have determined the program intake will close on Friday, May 16 at 5 PM, and no further applications will be accepted after that time.

The CSRIF's notice was posted on their website to allow a final opportunity for potential applicants who have not submitted an application in the last 9 months to do so.

Due to the short time frame for submitting an application, and with no clearly defined decision on the Memorial Arena, submitting an application was not practicable nor feasible.

If or when a subsequent provincial or federal sport and recreation funding program becomes available, Town staff will promptly review the funding criteria and eligibility and advise the Task Force and/or Council of our findings.

Linkage:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #1: Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #3: Strong Local Economy

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #5: Environmental Stewardship

Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:

No financial impact is associated with this report.

Consulted With:

Ontario Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund Team

Approved By:

Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer

Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk