



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: June 13, 2022

Subject: SRREC 22.09 Portable Pool Lifts

Report from: Carly Steinhoff, Park, Facilities and Recreation Manager

Appendices: None.

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Authorize staff to purchase two (2) PAL Portable Aquatic Lifts, two (2) additional batteries and two (2) lift seat covers from Commercial Aquatic Supplies for a total cost of \$30,699.74, inclusive of applicable taxes;
2. That the funds for this project be drawn equally from capital ID 02-5512 and 02-5516 of the 2022 Capital Budget; and
3. Funds received from the Canada Community Resilience Fund (CCRF) be used to offset the total cost.

Report Summary

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's approval to purchase two (2) portable pool lifts, and related accessories for each of the Municipality's outdoor pools in Tara and Chesley.

Background

The Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2020 to 2025) identified to ensure our recreational facilities were AODA and Building Code compliant. At that time pool lifts were identified to ensure all patrons could enter the pool. The Recreation Master Plan also provided recommendations regarding the Municipality's recreation facilities and equipment. Section 7.2.3 of the Plan recommends that the municipality could provide mobile accessible features such as pool lifts, access ladders and steps.

In accordance with this Plan the Municipality continues to promote accessibility and inclusion for each of its facilities. The purchase of aquatic pool lifts for each of the outdoor pools will assist the Municipality in facility accessibility.

Based on this, Staff submitted a grant request in 2021 to the Canada Community Resilience Fund (CCRF) to support the costs for two (2) accessible pool lifts. The Municipality was successful in receiving funding of 75 to 80 percent of the costs.

Analysis

Staff have sourced portable aquatic lift options and determined the PAL Series by S.R. Smith is the most beneficial unit for the Municipality. The Portable Aquatic Lift (PAL) is a fixed portable, free standing unit that is designed for commercial pools. The unit has a lifting capacity of 300 pounds, is automated and has a 240-degree rotation to ensure safe transfers of users. This unit can also be moved by one person, which will assist staff when the unit is stored.

Staff reached out to three (3) companies who sell portable lifts for commercial pools. One (1) company does not carry the unit that the Municipality is purchasing. Quotes from two (2) companies are as follows:

Commercial Aquatic Supplies	\$ 25,986.00
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Jack Watson Sports	\$ 27,396.48
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The Municipality will also purchase an additional battery and a seat cover for each unit, which is an extra charge from the original quote.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie's Recreation Master Plan, 2021 and Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2020-2025).

Strategic Plan:

6.1 Protecting Infrastructure, Recreation and Natural Assets

6.4 Leading Financial Management

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

The total cost for the units, freight and additional supplies is \$30,699.74 inclusive of applicable taxes. Freight is the only item with HST associated with this purchase as the accessibility items are tax exempt. Within the 2022 Capital Budget, funding of \$73,920.00 is available from capital ID 5512 and ID 5516.

Staff will be working with the CCRF funding that has been awarded to ensure 75% to 80% of this total cost has been received. Therefore, the Municipality would only be responsible for 20% to 25% of the cost.

Once the units arrive, staff will look at appropriate storage options for each unit at each facility.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer