



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: December 12, 2022

Subject: SRCAO.2022.04 Chesley Kinsmen – Proposed Replacement of
Playground Equipment Chesley Community Park

Report from: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer

Appendices: n/a

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Support the Kinsmen Club of Chesley in their proposed fundraising project for Arran-Elderslie with the replacement of playground equipment located at the Chesley Community Park;
2. Approve an exemption from Section 4.7 of the Procurement Policy, such that the replacement of the playground equipment in the Chesley Community Park can be purchased and installed by ABC Recreation Ltd., in 2023 for an upset limit of \$91,979.70 inclusive of HST;
3. Request that staff develop a workplan with the Kinsmen Club of Chesley and ABC Recreation Ltd., to outline the necessary municipal work required for site preparation and existing play equipment removal work;
4. Request that staff prepare an interest free loan agreement with the Kinsmen Club of Chesley for the net expense of the total project cost; and
5. The loan agreement shall in be accordance with Section 7 of the Grant and Donation Policy which provides for community projects and consideration to an interest free loan with annual repayments over a 10-year term.

Report Summary

On November 28, 2022, Council received a request from the Kinsmen Club of Chesley (Chesley Kinsmen) to support their plans to fundraise for the replacement costs of new and improved playground equipment for Chesley Community Park.

This new proposal follows the most recent fundraising that was undertaken to complete the development of a Splash Pad and Pavilion within the Park. The Chesley Kinsmen have requested that Council support the retention of ABC Recreation Ltd., to complete the playground installation with the support of municipal works and to provide a 10-year interest free loan in order to provide sufficient time to make arrangements to repay the outstanding upset limit of \$91,979.00.

Background

On November 28, 2022 Council received a presentation from Chesley Kinsmen regarding this proposed project which outlined the proposed quotation from ABC Recreation Ltd., to complete the installation of replacement play equipment. Chesley Kinsmen outlined their support to retain ABC Recreation Ltd., in part due to their recent experience with the splashpad installation and knowledge and experience with the Community Park. The funds for the costs of this replacement shall be borne by the Chesley Kinsmen through their future fundraising efforts.

Staff support the replacement of this playground equipment to ensure compliance with current AODA standards, and in accordance with the Recreation Master Plan however, no capital funds have currently been identified to complete the necessary work.

The proposal by the Chesley Kinsmen to generously fundraise for the costs of this work is greatly supported, and staff can prepare the necessary agreement to retain ABC Recreation Ltd., to complete the work. It has also been identified that Recreation and Public Works staff be available to assist with appropriate site preparation and existing equipment removal. The details of this work will be outlined in a workplan with ABC Recreation Ltd.

Analysis

In order to retain the services of ABC Recreation Ltd., on behalf of the Chesley Kinsmen staff recommend that Council support the exemption of the Procurement Policy and that staff prepare the necessary agreements including the appropriate financial agreements, so that this work can be commenced in 2023.

Once completed, the new playground equipment for Chesley Community Park will be a tremendous asset to the Community.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.1 Protecting Infrastructure, Recreation and Natural Assets

6.5 Engaging People and Partnerships

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

Staff support the exemption from Section 4.7 of the Procurement Policy, such that the replacement of the playground equipment in the Chesley Community Park can be purchased and installed by ABC Recreation Ltd., in 2023 for an upset limit of \$91,979.70 inclusive of HST.

In addition, subject to Council approval Finance staff will prepare an interest free loan agreement with the Kinsmen Club of Chesley for the net expense of the total project cost. The loan agreement shall in be accordance with Section 7 of the Grant and Donation Policy which provides for community projects and consideration to an interest free loan with annual repayments over a 10-year term.

Once the new playground equipment is constructed the Municipal Asset Management Plan will be updated accordingly.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer