



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: November 12, 2024

Subject: Paisley Minor Softball – Diamond Refurbishment Project

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

Appendices: Draft MOU

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Support Paisley Minor Softball with their ball diamond refurbishment project and fundraising campaign proposal;
2. Approves entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Paisley Minor Softball outlining the framework for the project, establish the roles and responsibilities of the parties including the financial arrangements and bring forward the by-law to bring force and effect to the same.
3. Approves the Paisley Splash Pad Committees request to provide \$2,500 of their surplus funding toward the Ball Diamond Refurbishment Project.

Report Summary

To outline the proposed project activities from Paisley Minor Softball to upgrade Diamond One in Paisley and to seek Council support for the project.

Background

Members of Paisley Minor Softball delegated to Council on October 15, 2024. The group has requested to begin a fundraising campaign to support upgrades of Ball Diamond One in Paisley. Proposed upgrades include infield aggregate and associated levelling, bleachers, dugouts and a storage shed.

Analysis

Staff have begun preliminary conversations with Paisley Minor Softball regarding the potential to upgrade the infield aggregate, repair or replace the dugout structures, replace the spectator bleachers and to purchase a new storage shed. Paisley Minor Softball has prepared and presented their fundraising campaign to Council using preliminary figures as a starting point for funding that they hope to achieve.

Staff believe that this is a worthwhile project and will work with Paisley Minor Softball throughout the course of this project.

Staff is recommending that the Municipality and Paisley Minor Softball enter into a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement. The purpose of this is to create a framework for the project, establish the roles and responsibilities of the parties including the financial arrangements, adherence to the Municipal Procurement by-law, donation parameters, signage and other items included in the Grants and Donations Policy.

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

The estimated project cost presented by Paisley Minor Softball is \$ 67,000. Staff will work with Paisley Minor Softball regarding procurement, project timing and ensuring adequate funding is in place prior to work beginning.

The Paisley Splash Pad Committee has suggested that \$2,500 of their surplus fundraising be directed towards the Ball Diamond Refurbishment project.

Staff are aware that this project could take a phased approach, depending on the level of funding received. Paisley Minor Softball is working toward a spring 2025 project. The project number is 25-RECC-4153.

Approved by: Emily Dance, Chief Administrative Officer