



## Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: January 27, 2025

Subject: REC-2025-01 Enabling Accessibility Grant Request

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

Attachments: None

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### **Recommendation**

Be It Resolved that Council hereby approves Report REC-2025-01 - Enabling Accessibility Grant Request

And authorizes staff to contact the Enabling Accessibility Fund to request a project transfer to add an accessible entrance and washroom to the Treasure Chest Museum in Paisley and an accessible entrance door at the Tara Library, subject to the financial allocations of the grant.

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### **Background**

Council received a report on October 15, 2024, from CAO Dance regarding the Old Paisley Library. The report included information regarding the Enabling Accessibility Grant associated with this building and that staff would consider alternative options to request the funds be allocated.

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### **Analysis**

The Municipality was successful in obtaining funding to renovate the Old Paisley Library by adding an accessible entrance at the front of the building, an accessible door to access the back yard and an accessible washroom. Since project approval from the Enabling Accessibility Fund, the Old Paisley Library has been declared surplus and an Expression of Interest for the building will be publicized in February 2025. Staff have spoken to program officers for the Fund and were made aware

that the Municipality could request that the funds be used for the same project components, but in a different building(s).

Staff have discussed options and recommend the re-allocation request be transferred to; add an accessible entrance and washroom to the Treasure Chest Museum in Paisley and an accessible entrance door at the Tara Library.

Following Council approve this report, staff will prepare a letter requesting this change to the Enabling Accessibility Fund. Should the request to the Fund be approved, staff will seek quotes with the goal to complete these projects in 2025.

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### **Link to Strategic/Master Plan**

6.1 Protecting Infrastructure, Recreation and Natural Assets

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### **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy**

The Municipality entered into an agreement with the Government of Canada to receive \$ 70,348.00 to complete this project. The Municipal contribution requirement for this program is \$17,587.00, which has been included within the 2025 Capital budget.

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Approved by: Emily Dance, Chief Administrative Officer