



## Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: January 27, 2025

Subject: Rec-2025-02 Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant Application

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-2025-02 - Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant Application and supports a Trillium Grant application for river access enhancement.

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### **Background**

The Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant is accepting applications until March 5, 2025, for projects that update buildings, enhance spaces and purchase fixed and non-fixed equipment so people and the community can thrive. The Municipality has had prior success with this program, most recently being the phase two renovation of the Chesley Lawn Bowling Club.

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### **Analysis**

Staff have discussed potential projects that fit within the parameters of the funding program. Municipalities are eligible to apply for funding under two different funding priorities:

- Projects that “Foster physically active lifestyles”
- Projects that “Enrich lives through art, culture, and heritage”

Potential projects that were discussed by staff included playground equipment pool changeroom upgrades, Paisley Lawn Bowling upgrades, Chesley tennis court refurbishment and upgrades to various river access points in Arran-Elderslie. Of these potential projects, staff determined that the river access enhancements would provide a compelling application for this funding opportunity.

Staff are recommending the Trillium Grant application be submitted for enhancements to River Access Point 9b, which is located beside the Hose Tower in Paisley and has been closed for one year due to safety concerns. Staff are also recommending that the application include enhancements to river access at Dr. Milne Park in Paisley and to the river in Chesley, near the Dave Spencer Pavilion.

Within the 2025 Capital Budget, funding has been allocated for Chesley Park Island rehabilitation to work with engineers, based on information received from Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

Staff will be working with contractors to determine the costs of these projects prior to application submission.

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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**

Ontario Trillium Foundation supports projects up to \$200,000.00. Staff continue to obtain estimates for this project and will include the appropriate funding within the application. Relating specifically to Chesley Park Island rehabilitation, \$20,000.00 has been allotted in the 2025 Capital Budget.

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Approved by: Emily Dance, Chief Administrative Officer