



# The Corporation of the TOWN OF MILTON

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Report to: Mayor G. A. Krantz and Members of Council

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From: Jennifer Reynolds, Director, Community Services

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Date: May 15, 2009

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Report No. COMS-035-09

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Subject: Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program in Ontario, and Ontario Recreation (REC) – Application Priorities

**RECOMMENDATION:** THAT Milton Council endorse the application submission to the Recreation Infrastructure Canada Program and the Ontario Recreation program, for the following projects, in priority order;

1. Tonelli Sports Centre renovations
2. Nassagaweya Tennis Courts redevelopment

AND THAT the Town of Milton funding portion of these projects be approved pending notification of funding through the RInC and Ontario REC programs;

AND THAT these projects be appropriately prepared to permit the Substantial Completion to meet the March 31, 2011 deadline;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into a Contribution Agreement pending confirmation of funding through the RInC and Ontario REC programs;

AND THAT the Clerk forward a copy of COMS-035-09 to the Honourable John Baird, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, Government of Canada, the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry, Government of Canada, the Honourable Lisa Raitt, M.P. Halton and Minister of Natural Resources, Government of Canada, the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, the Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion, Government of Ontario, and Mr. Ted Chudleigh, M.P.P. Halton.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The government has recently released the guidelines and program priorities for the Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RInC) in Ontario Program and the Ontario Recreation (REC) program. Staff is recommending that two projects be submitted to this program for funding consideration.

## **REPORT**

### **Background**

Recent Infrastructure Funding program announcements have prompted a review of the Capital Budget forecast to determine priority projects that meet within the guidelines and criteria for the various programs. The recent announcement of the RInC and Ontario REC program has a focus on the following;

- Arenas
- Gymnasiums
- Swimming Pools
- Sports Fields
- Tennis, basketball, volleyball or other sport-specific courts
- Parks, fitness trails and bike paths
- Other multi-purpose facilities that have physical recreation activity as the primary rationale

The governments of Canada and Ontario can each fund up to one third of a project's total eligible cost up to a maximum of \$1 million per project, with recipients providing the remaining balance. Eligible projects under the RInC Program in Ontario and the Ontario REC are designed to support the upgrading and renewal of recreational facilities in communities that can be completed by March 31, 2011.

Eligible projects must;

- be for the rehabilitation or repair of existing infrastructure, including new construction that adds to or replaces existing recreational infrastructure capacity;
- begin and materially conclude construction before March 31, 2011; and
- Be incremental (the project would not have occurred as proposed without support from the programs)

### **Discussion**

Staff has reviewed the Capital Budget forecast in response to the program guidelines and recommend the following projects be submitted for consideration to this program;



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1. John Tonelli Sports Centre renovations – Project Cost \$2.4M
2. Nassagaweya Tennis Courts redevelopment – Project Cost \$ 2.9M

## **Relationship to the Strategic Plan**

*Goal – A responsible, cost-effective and accountable local government*

*Initiative – Ensure the efficient management of capital assets and municipal services to meet existing and future demands*

- *Enhance communication and coordination with other levels of government in the provision of services*

## **Financial Impact**

Pending confirmation of funding for one or more of these projects, staff will provide a further report with respect to Town funding to be identified and / or advanced from the Capital Budget forecast to the 2009, 2010 and 2011 budget years.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Reynolds  
Director, Community Services

If you have any questions on the content of this report: Jennifer Reynolds, 905 878 7252 X 2180

Attachments: none

CAO Approval: \_\_\_\_\_



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