



To: General Purposes Committee **Date:** March 26, 2009
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 General Manager, Engineering and Public Works
Re: Recreational Infrastructure Canada - Shovel Ready Projects

Staff Recommendation

That the following shovel projects be endorsed for submission to the Recreational Infrastructure Canada program:

- **Steveston Community Centre** - Energy Management and Structural Upgrades
- **Solar Hot Water Panels** - Watermania Swimming Pool, Water Play Park, South Arm Community Centre, Minoru Aquatic Centre
- **South Arm Community Centre** - Energy Management and Structural Upgrades
- **Hamilton Community Centre Space**

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Director, CPMG.....		Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>		
REVIEWED BY TAG	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	REVIEWED BY CAO	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Staff Report

Origin

The January 2009 Federal Budget announcement included \$500M over the next two years for recreation facilities. This report proposes priority shovel ready projects that fit the criteria outlined for the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) grant funding program.

Analysis

The RInC program is aimed at shovel ready renovation projects in recreation facilities. The attached document provides an outline of the program. A formal request for project submissions under the RInC program has not yet been issued. It is expected, however, that requests for suitable projects will be issued over the next few weeks. In addition to being recreation facility focussed, project criteria includes being shovel ready, projects be materially concluded by March 31, 2011, and the funding formula will be 1/3 local government, 1/3 provincial government, and 1/3 federal government (capped at \$1M). In addition, the suggestion at this time is that funding will be directed towards renovations rather than new facility construction.

The following outlines the shovel ready projects recommended for the RInC program:

Project	Description
Steveston Community Centre - Energy Management and Structural Upgrades	Includes solar panels for hot water supply for the community centre building and tennis facility, and roof replacement, mechanical system upgrades for community centre building. Cost \$900,000
Solar Hot Water - Watermania Swimming Pool, Water Play Park, South Arm Community Centre, Minoru Aquatic Centre	Includes solar panels in aquatic centres and community centres to augment hot water supply utilizing sustainable renewable energy. Payback is estimated in 7 years. Cost \$625,000
South Arm Community Centre - Energy Management and Structural Upgrades	Includes heat pump upgrades, addition of new community policing space and renovations to allow for more community based programming space, new roof, sprinklers, and flooring. This project includes funding from the South Arm Community Association. Cost \$1,200,000
Hamilton Community Centre Space	Includes new programming and community space for the Hamilton area. This would serve the growing community of approximately 4000 residents with space for community programs, and library space. Cost \$5,000,000


Eligible recipients for RInC funding also include non-profit sector organizations. Staff will encourage community organizations who might have shovel ready recreational facility renovation projects to submit funding requests directly when the opportunity arises.

Financial Impact

The City's portion of the funding for the Steveston Community Centre, Solar Hot Water, and South Arm Community Centre projects is included in the approved 2009 capital program. Funding for the Hamilton Community Centre Space project has not yet been requested through the capital program, however, the project will be submitted should Council support this initiative.

Conclusion

The Recreational Infrastructure Canada grant funding program is being developed and staff have been advised that suitable projects endorsed by Council will be requested in the next few weeks. Staff have considered various shovel ready projects and identified those listed above as the most appropriate projects and are seeking Council endorsement.



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Recreational Infrastructure Canada **(RInC)**

Program Overview

Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities

www.infrastructure.gc.ca

Recreational Infrastructure Canada - Progress to Date

- January 2009 - Budget announced \$500 million for Recreational Infrastructure Canada
- March 2, 2009 - Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities sought and obtained Cabinet approval of the program parameters

Program Design

Objective: Timely, Targeted, and Temporary Stimulus through investments related to recreational infrastructure

Funding



\$500 million over 2 years

Eligible Projects



- Rehabilitation that can be **materially concluded by March 31, 2011**
- New construction eligible on an exceptional basis
- Recipients must attest to the **incrementality** of their projects - *usage*

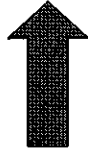
Eligible Categories



- Arenas
- Sport fields
- Gymnasia
- Other multi-purpose facilities that have physical activity as the primary rationale
- Swimming pools

Program Design

Eligible Recipients



- 1. Local or regional governments
- 2. A public sector body owned by a local or regional government
- 3. A non-for profit sector entity
- 4. A provincial or territorial entity that provides municipal-type services
- 5. First Nations

Cost Sharing



- Federal contribution to any project is capped at \$1 million
- 33 per cent federal share
- 50 per cent on an exceptional basis (e.g. for provincial / territorial or First Nations assets)

Program Design - Delivery Departments and Agencies

Funding will be delivered through the Regional Development Agencies

Canada Economic Development for the Regions of Quebec (Minister Lebel)	Quebec
Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (Minister Ashfield)	Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia
FedNor/Industry Canada (Minister Clement)	Ontario
Western Economic Diversification (Minister Yelich)	British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (Minister Strahl)	Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon

Program Design – Funding and Allocation

Track 1 – \$175 M

- \$175 million (approximately 33%) will be notionally allocated to each delivery department and agency based on regional per capita share (not by jurisdiction except Ontario and Québec).
- Agencies are responsible for approving and announcing a first tranche of initial projects and flow funding

Track 2 – \$325 M

- Remaining \$325 million will stay within the Fiscal Framework
- The Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities will initiate discussions with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance to establish a process to review submissions by delivery departments and agencies and make an allocation decision

Next Steps and Key Issues

Next Steps

- Regional Political Ministers to work on identifying priority projects
- Political Ministers could enter into discussions with provinces and territories for “Quick Hits” round of projects for the initial \$175 million
- Ministers responsible for delivery will launch calls for proposals (continuous open intake would also be possible)

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