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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **May 21, 2009**
FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture** FILE: **1855-03**
SUBJECT: **Application for Funding of Projects Under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program**

RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Approve the submission of the following projects, that are described in more detail in this report and in the priority in which they are listed, for funding under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program:
 - a) Hjorth Road Park – Artificial Turf Field
 - b) Kensington Prairie – Community Centre – South Surrey
 - c) Arena Renovations - North Surrey
 - d) Newton Fitness Centre/Programming Rooms
 - e) Kwomais Point Park – South Surrey
 - f) Tennis Court Renovations - Cloverdale
 - g) Newton Athletic Park – Replacement & Upgrading of Gravel Field to New Artificial Turf Field
 - h) Cloverdale Arena and Curling Rink Renovation
 - i) City Centre – Games Preparation Centre – Covered Youth Park; and
3. Direct staff to pursue funding for the subject projects from the Provincial Government and others to supplement the funding that is made available from the RInC Program.

BACKGROUND

The 2009 Federal budget announced \$12 billion in new and accelerated infrastructure funding through a new Canada Economic Action Plan. The funding is to be used over the next two years. From this new funding, \$500 million has been identified to support the Recreational Infrastructure Fund (RInC) Program.

DISCUSSION

The Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program provides funding to rehabilitate recreational facilities across Canada subject to such projects being completed by March 31, 2011. Under the Program criteria, projects that can start quickly will receive preference over others.

The RinC Program is targeted at upgrades and repairs to existing recreational assets such as arenas, gymnasiums, swimming pools, sports fields, sport courts, parks, fitness and bike paths and other multi-purpose physical recreation facilities.

The Program is designed to provide a timely, targeted stimulus to the economy, and to help mitigate the impacts of the global economic recession by increasing the total amount of construction activity related to recreational infrastructure. Through the rehabilitation of recreational infrastructure, this Program also encourages participation in physical activity and community building.

The initial RinC funding allocation for Western Canada, to be delivered by Western Economic Diversification Canada, amounts to about \$54 million. The remaining funding, over the next two years, will be allocated based on the number of applications submitted to the WED. Projects will be selected by WED on the basis of merit and construction readiness.

The Program funds up to 33 per cent of the costs of selected projects. The remaining funding will need to be sourced internally by the City or it may be possible to achieve some level of funding from the provincial government, community organizations, or the private sector. The maximum federal contribution to any one project under this Program is \$1 million.

Under the Program, projects for which applications for funding are received will be assessed on:

- construction-readiness;
- planned completion date;
- incrementality; and
- the extent to which other funding is leveraged.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has undertaken a careful assessment of possible projects that could be submitted for funding under this Program. The projects that have been chosen as listed below are consistent with the recommendations of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Ten-Year Strategic Plan. They are listed in order of the priority.

Priority	Project	Description	Estimated Total Project Cost
1.	Hjorth Road – Artificial Turf Field – Renovation of park to include an additional artificial turf field.	Hjorth Road Park has been designed to accommodate two artificial turf fields running parallel to one another. One field is complete and there is strong demand for a second field. The field will feature state of the art infill synthetic turf, will be lighted for night time use and will have covered player's benches. The artificial turf field is environmentally friendly, as it does not require fertilization, extensive irrigation and grass cutting that natural grass fields require. This second field provides as much playing and practice time as seven natural grass fields. A two-field configuration will permit tournament play at this Guildford site.	\$ 2 M
2.	Kensington Prairie Community Centre-South Surrey	Renovations to the existing gymnasium and school for use as a recreation centre for the Grandview and Morgan Creek communities.	\$600,000
3.	Arena Renovations - North Surrey	The twin arenas need upgrading to their mechanical infrastructure including brine repairs and flooring repairs.	\$600,000
4.	Newton Fitness Centre/Programming Rooms	This facility requires a number of repairs and upgrades to ensure it continues to operate to meet the growing demands of the rapidly growing Newton community. This project includes upgrades to the recreation centre including roof repairs, adding windows to the fitness room; improving the floor for fitness use and renovating the preschool room and expanding the weight room and cardio room.	\$400,000
5.	Kwomais Point Park - South Surrey	Renovations to the Sanford Hall building for the multi-purpose recreational programming.	\$250,000
6.	Tennis Court Renovations – Cloverdale	Replace fencing, asphalt surface and install lines at 2 courts at 17905-60 th Avenue (Greenaway Park)	\$200,000
7.	Newton Athletic Park – Artificial Turf Field – Replacement and upgrading of gravel field to new artificial turf field	Newton Athletic Park is home to Surrey’s largest youth soccer program, and is a premier location for local, provincial and national soccer tournaments from spring through the fall each year. Demand for field time currently exceeds the capacity of the park’s two existing artificial turf fields and its six natural grass fields. This project will replace a gravel all-weather field and with a state of the art infill artificial turf field that will be lighted for night time use. This environmentally friendly field will provide as much playing and practice time as seven natural grass fields, and will permit the hosting of	\$2 M

		larger high-calibre soccer tournaments.	
8.	Cloverdale Arena and Curling Rink Renovation	Arena floor removal and replacement. Curling club requires vestibule & plant upgrades to meet BC Safety Authority code compliance; resurfacing of parking lot, along with an air conditioner and renovations & upgrades to plumbing & fixtures, lighting, signage, canopy at entrance, landscape & fencing.	\$260,000
9.	City Centre – Tom Binnie Recreation Centre – Addition of a Covered Youth Park	This project involves the construction of a youth facility that is a flat surface of approximately 20 m x 40 m, with a full roof. The sides of the facility have roll-up garage style doors that can be closed at night or during very cold weather. The facility contains locked storage areas. The open floor area may be configured for ball hockey, basketball, or other court games. In addition, portable ramps and jumps may be put into place to facilitate skateboarding and bmx biking. The facility is attached on one side to the recreation centre, to take advantage of public restrooms and other over-flow programming space.	\$3 M

City Funding to Support RinC-funded Projects:

Funding can be made available for the City's share of the costs of selected projects through the City's Five Year Capital Plan.

CONCLUSION

Based on the criteria that has been published for the Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program, it is recommended that Council approve the submission of the following projects in the priority in which they are listed for funding under the RInC Program:

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