



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: City Park Infrastructure Grant Application

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## RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a grant application be submitted under the Canada Community Revitalization Fund for the City Park Field Upgrade project north of the 207 Street parking lot, and
2. THAT Council supports the project and agrees to commit to the City's share of \$750,000 of the project.

## PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to request Council support of the City's application for grant funding for upgrades to playfields at City Park.

## POLICY:

N/A

## COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

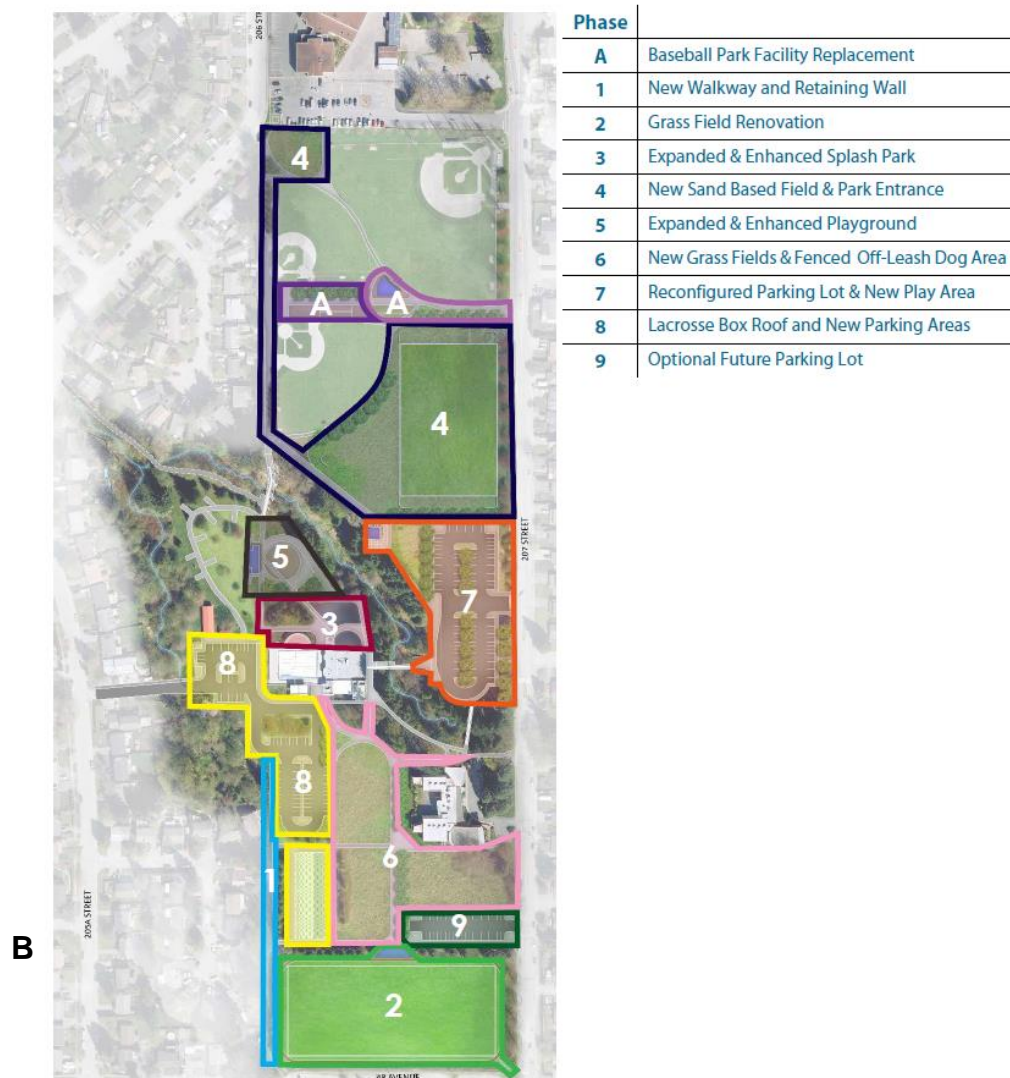
The federal government recently announced a new grant opportunity available to local governments. The grant is part of the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) which focuses on projects which will:

- adapt community spaces and assets so that they may be used safely in accordance with local public-health guidelines

- build or improve community infrastructure to encourage Canadians to re-engage in and explore their communities and regions.

A Council resolution is required as part of the application package.

The project recommended for the grant is the City Park Field Upgrade Project as identified within the City Park Master Plan. The project consists of upgrading the passive grass space north of the City Park main parking lot including improvement to the grass field to bring it up to class 'A' standard and the installation of 5 ball diamonds for entry level ball. Other improvements include a new entry to the park from 206 Street and pathway improvements. The project area is shown highlighted below as phase 4.



Council will recall that this project was submitted under a previous grant program; the Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture & Recreation (CCR) grant. To date we have not heard if this has been approved. We have reached out to ask about the project but have not heard back yet. Their website indicates that applicants will be notified in the summer, 2021. As this project also fits the Canada Community Revitalization Fund, and there are no other projects of sufficient value and that meet the criteria, staff propose to submit another application under the CCRF program.

The project is estimated to cost \$1,500,000 and, subject to receiving the CCR grant approval, is budgeted for implementation in 2021 in the City's 2021 – 2025 financial plan. The CCR grant would fund up to 73.33% of project costs while the CCRF grant would fund up to a maximum of 50%. Therefore, if the City is unsuccessful under the CCR fund but successful under the CCRF grant then the 2022 budget will need to be amended to reflect the higher proportion of the cost.

If neither of these two grants are approved the project would be deferred unless additional capital funds are allocated. Breakdown of the proposed budget is as follows:

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Grant (CCRF)	\$750,000
City Share (Capital Reserves)	\$750,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Defer project and don't apply for funding.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Concurrence:



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Rick Bomhof, P.Eng.  
Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:**

I support the recommendation.



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Chief Administrative Officer