

Report to Council



Date: June 19, 2023
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Recreation and Activity Centre Loan Authorization Bylaw
Department: Financial Services

Recommendation:

THAT Council receive for information the Report from Financial Services dated June 19, 2023, regarding bylaw reading consideration for the borrowing of two hundred and forty one million, three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$241, 320,000) for the redevelopment of the Parkinson Recreation Centre; and the construction of the Glenmore Activity Centre, and the construction of the Mission Activity Centre, and to redevelop the Rutland Sports fields;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12540 being Recreation and Activity Centres Authorization Bylaw be given reading consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to prepare to conduct an alternative approval process to achieve approval of the electors, subsequent to approval of the Inspector of Municipalities.

Purpose:

To give reading consideration to Bylaw No. 12540 being Recreation and Activity Centres Loan Authorization Bylaw to forward the bylaw for statutory approval as the next step before initiating the elector approval process.

Background:

Kelowna is one of the fastest growing communities in Canada and as such we have a growing need for community recreation and leisure facilities. These facilities play an essential role in bringing people together - they are safe places for people of all ages and backgrounds to stay connected, be active, learn a new skill, and belong.

The redevelopment of Parkinson Recreation Centre (PRC) has been a priority for over a decade. Council endorsed the Functional Program for the redevelopment of PRC on April 17, 2023. As part of the PRC

redevelopment discussions, staff have highlighted the City’s program delivery model and its combination of centralized and decentralized amenity provision that provides broad community reach and access to important facilities and programming. Activity Centres become key facilities within this model with a strong neighbourhood focus. During the Council review of the Indoor Recreation Facilities Strategy and 10-year Capital Plan Workshop (Buildings), advancing the planning and delivery of the Glenmore and Mission Activity Centres were identified as priorities. In combination with the existing Activity Centres at Parkinson and Rutland, these two new centres will create a good distribution across the City.

In addition, the optimization of sports fields at Rutland Recreation Park is proposed as a priority in the 10-year Capital Plan (Parks) workshop. This project responds to sports field capacity challenges, along with the existing artificial turf field at Mission and proposed artificial fields at Parkinson and Glenmore, dispersing these important all-season amenities across the City.

Just as all people are not the same, the amenities that serve them are not the same. The City plays a key role in providing facilities and services for the health and well-being of residents and growing active amenities in multiple neighbourhoods projects. These projects and the increasing provision of sports fields and courts are part of growing active amenities to build a stronger Kelowna. These projects will serve our varied community members across Kelowna by addressing aging recreation infrastructure, service needs, and equitable distribution of in-demand amenities throughout Kelowna. Bundling these projects builds on services offered by the destination amenities contained in the redevelopment of the PRC by filling in the recreation gaps found in our communities. Community partnership opportunities are continuing to be explored as part of this initiative.

After Council gives the Bylaw three readings, certified copies of the bylaw and the liability servicing certificate will be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for statutory approval.

Once the Corporate Officer receives statutory approval, a report will be provided to Council with legislative requirements and a timeline for elector approval of the loan authorization bylaw. Staff recommend using the Alternative Approval Process, initiating a City-wide petitioning period for the borrowing of two hundred and forty one million, three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$241,320,000) for the redevelopment of the Parkinson Recreation Centre; and the construction of the Glenmore Activity Centre, and the construction of the Mission Activity Centre, and to redevelop the Rutland Sports fields;

Previous Council Resolution

Resolution	Date
THAT Council receive, for information, Building a Stronger Kelowna: A Comprehensive Approach to Community Health and Wellness initiative	May 8, 2023

Conclusion:

The Financial Services recommend that Bylaw No. 12540 being Recreation and Activity Centres Loan Authorization Bylaw be given reading consideration.

Internal Circulation:

Office of the City Clerk

Considerations applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Community Charter, S. 179 – loan authorization bylaws for long term borrowing.

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Community Charter, S. 179 and 180 – content of loan authorization bylaws for long term borrowing and elector approval.

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Source of Funding	Value (\$)
Taxation	7,360,000
Grant	10,047,000
Reserve	28,773,000
Borrowing	241,320,000
Total	\$287,500,000

Submitted by:

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Approved for inclusion:

cc:

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