

**Date:** 2021-05-07

**Subject:** **Budget Amendment – The Rose Theatre - Accessibility and Efficiency Upgrades**

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**Report Number:** Community Services-2021-593

**Recommendations:**

1. That the report titled: **Budget Amendment – The Rose Theatre - Accessibility and Efficiency Upgrades** to the Committee of Council meeting of May 26, 2021 be received; and
2. That a budget amendment be approved to the 2021 Capital Budget and a new capital project be established in the amount of \$5,613,150 for the completion of accessibility and efficiency upgrades at The Rose Theatre, with \$4,097,599.50 of funding allocated from the City's approved Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Community Culture and Recreation (CCR) Funding Stream government grant, \$977,711.62 to be transferred from Reserve #4 – Asset Replacement, \$250,000 to be transferred from capital project #206810-001 , \$250,000 to be transferred from capital project #216810-001, and \$37,838.88 to be transferred from capital project #196830-001

**Overview:**

- ***The Rose Accessibility and Efficiency Upgrade Project*** is focused on accessibility enhancements and infrastructure upgrades that increase operational efficiency at The Rose Brampton
- These include the addition of climb-assist railings in the upper balcony, increasing the accessibility seating space by replacing a portion of the current fixed seating with removable seating, the installation of emergency alarms in the public washrooms, the addition of door operators and a washroom renovation on the dressing room level to

**allow for artist accessibility, and a wheelchair lift for use with the outdoor stages**

- **The Efficiency scope includes lighting upgrades to both the stage and building lighting, changing current fixtures to LED, automation of the current rigging system from its current manual operation, and upgrading of the current video infrastructure from analog to digital using fiber optics**
- **Thanks to generous support from the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and the City of Brampton, The Rose will advance to state-of-the-art levels of accessibility and efficiency**
- **The monies committed by the three levels of government through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) total \$5,613,150.00**
  - **The Government of Canada is investing \$2,245,260.00**
  - **The Government of Ontario is investing \$1,852,339.50**
  - **The City of Brampton is investing \$1,515,550.50**
- **Of the \$1,515,550.50 required of the City:**
  - **\$537,000.00 has already been approved as part of the 2020 and 2021 capital submissions**
  - **The remaining amount of \$978,550.50 is included in forecasted capital requests for 2022-2025**
- **This Budget Amendment Report requests the advancement of \$978,550.50 to fulfill this grant opportunity**

### **Background:**

Acoustically sublime and intimately configured for 868 seats, The Rose is an iconic community asset in Brampton. When it first opened in 2006, The Rose was instantly recognized as one of the most beautiful theatres in the world. Since then, new technologies have emerged, and building codes have changed to reflect a deeper appreciation for accessibility. With this in mind, City and Performing Arts staff have sought opportunities to upgrade accessibility and efficiency at The Rose.

The community, culture and recreation stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is designed to support community infrastructure priorities across the province, improving access to and quality of community, cultural and recreation priority infrastructure projects.

When applications opened for the community, culture and recreation stream on September 3, 2019, staff in Performing Arts seized the opportunity to apply for an ICIP grant to support upgrading accessibility and efficiency at The Rose.

Proposed accessibility upgrades include the addition of climb-assist railings in the upper balcony, increasing the accessibility seating space by replacing a portion of the current fixed seating with removable seating, the installation of emergency alarms in the public washrooms, the addition of door operators and a washroom renovation on the dressing room level to allow for artist accessibility, and a wheelchair lift for use with the outdoor stages.

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### **Current Situation:**

Staff recently received confirmation that the City's ICIP application for *The Rose Accessibility and Efficiency Upgrade Project* was accepted to receive financial support from the federal and provincial level.

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This Budget Amendment Report requests the advancement of \$978,550.50 required to fulfill this grant opportunity.

## **Corporate Implications:**

### Financial Implications:

A budget amendment to the 2021 Capital Budget is required so that a new capital project can be established in the amount of \$5,613,150 for the completion of accessibility and efficiency upgrades at The Rose Theatre. Funding in the amount of \$4,097,599.50 is being allocated from the City's approved Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Community Culture and Recreation (CCR) Funding Stream government grant, with \$2,245,260 in Federal funding and \$1,852,339.50 in Provincial funding.

The City's contribution of \$1,515,550.50 will be funded as follows, subject to Council approval:

- \$977,711.62 from Reserve #4 – Asset Replacement
- \$250,000 from capital project 206810-001 – Performing Arts Initiatives
- \$250,000 from capital project 216810-001 – Performing Arts Initiatives
- \$37,838.88 from capital project 196830-001 – Accessibility-Rose Theatre

Sufficient funding is available to proceed with this initiative.

## **Term of Council Priorities:**

This report has been prepared in full consideration of the Term of Council Priorities. Through stewardship of assets and services, and a focus on service excellence, this report demonstrates that Brampton is a Well Run City.

Through supporting accessibility upgrades to the Rose Theatre to increase inclusive community spaces and a sense of belonging for all, this report demonstrates that Brampton is a Mosaic.

Through supporting efficiency upgrades to the Rose Theatre, this report demonstrates that Brampton is a Green City.

**Conclusion:**

It is recommended that a budget amendment to the 2021 Capital Budget be approved to allocate the recently approved ICIP government grant funding to a newly created capital project, so that the public tender can be awarded to the successful bidder(s) for the completion of accessibility and efficiency upgrades at The Rose Theatre.

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**Attachments:**