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Subject: **Budget Amendment and Request to Begin Procurement – Century Gardens Change Room Renovations – Federal Grant Funding (Ward 1)**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report titled: **Budget Amendment and Request to Begin Procurement – Century Gardens Change Room Renovations – Federal Grant Funding (Ward 1)** to the Committee of Council meeting of June 22, 2022 be received; and
2. That a budget amendment be approved for project #191650-714 - Replacement of Pool Change Room Interior Finishes, to increase the project by the amount of \$669,750, with the funding to be provided from Federal Grants; and
3. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to begin procurement for General Contracting Services for the Century Gardens Change Rooms Renovations.

Overview:

- **The planned renovation and rehabilitation of the pool change rooms at Century Gardens Community Centre will improve accessibility to the public and increase operational efficiency of the facility.**
- **The project scope includes reconfiguration of spaces, fire life safety upgrades, lighting & emergency lighting upgrades, accessibility upgrades, interior finishes replacement, including fixtures and bathroom accessories, and upgrades to the plumbing and lighting systems of the facility.**

- **The City was recently notified that the Government of Canada is investing up to \$669,750 in this project for work completed by March 15, 2023. This report seeks to top-up the project by this amount, which is to be used to address cost escalations and project expenses up to the March 15, 2023 deadline.**
- **Staff is recommending to increase the previously approved budget by the full grant funding amount in the event received bids are higher than the approved budget.**

Background:

Century Gardens Community Centre is one of Brampton's largest community centres, centrally located and serving residents across the City. In pre-COVID operations, the centre welcomed over 700,000 annual visits from residents. The pool specifically at this location is well used, with over 8,000 unique annual registrants, not including those that only access drop-in programs. The existing men's and women's change rooms are dated and do not comply with the Ontario Disabilities Act (ODA) and City of Brampton Accessibility Technical Standards (COB-ATS). The renovation and rehabilitation of the pool change rooms at Century Gardens Community Centre will improve accessibility to the public, including: reconfiguration of spaces, fire life safety upgrades, lighting & emergency lighting upgrades, accessibility upgrades, interior finishes replacement including fixtures and bathroom accessories.

Accessibility improvements include layout revisions; door widening; new barrier free door operators; and new signage with large prints, contrasting letters and Braille to improve accessibility. Upgrades to the plumbing and lighting systems of the facility through this project will also help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Current Situation:

In order to take advantage of this grant funding opportunity, projects must be substantially underway in advance of March 15, 2023. Pending an extension of this grant deadline, the available funding is to be used to cover expenses up to this date. This Budget Amendment Report requests the funding to fulfill this grant opportunity in relation to the Century Gardens Change Room project.

The project is eligible for a Federal Grant. The estimated total project cost is \$1,541,750 and a breakdown by funding partner is as follows:

- The Government of Canada is investing up to \$669,750
- The City of Brampton is investing \$872,000

This report also seeks approval to begin procurement of contracting services on this project in order to meet the required project deadlines associated with the grant opportunity.

There has been significant market volatility that has caused high uncertainty in construction costs over the recent past. Therefore, staff is recommending to increase the budget by the amount of full grant funding to ensure that there is sufficient funding available in the event of bids higher than the currently available budget. Any surplus funds remaining in the project will be returned to the source reserves.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

Subject to Council approval of recommendation # 2, a budget amendment will be required for project #191650-714 - Replacement of Pool Change Room Interior Finishes, to increase the project by the amount of \$669,750, with funding to be transferred from Federal Grants:

Funding Source: Project 191650-714	Approved Funding	Budget Amendment	Total Funding
Account # 601084-Res #4- Asset R&R	872,000		872,000
Account # 601029-Federal Grants		669,750	669,750
Total	872,000	669,750	1,541,750

With the approval of the Federal grant, there is now sufficient funding available in the recommended funded sources to support this budget amendment.

Purchasing Implications:

A public Procurement Process will be conducted and the lowest compliant Bid will be eligible for contract award. Purchase approval shall be obtained in accordance with the Purchasing By-law.

All communication with Bidders involved in the procurement must occur formally, through the contact person identified in the Bid Document.

Legal Implications:

Legal Services will assist as needed and necessary for the appropriate agreement to protect the City's interests for this project.

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 Century Gardens Recreation Centre 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 Century Gardens Recreation Centre, this report demonstrates that Brampton is a Green City.

Conclusion:

It is recommended that the budget amendments and procurement approval outlined in this report be approved to allow the City to take advantage of the federal grant funding opportunity and for the work to proceed as soon as possible.

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