



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

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Directed To:	Mayor and Members of Council	Attachments:	
Department:	Finance		
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Subject:	Enabling Accessibility Fund for Small-sized Projects		

Recommendation:

- That Council endorses administration to move forward with the two Enabling Accessibility for Small-sized projects grant applications. A community stream application to fund the installation of accessible engineered wood fibre within playgrounds located at Jim Chappus Park, Meo Boulevard Park, Ojibway Park and Paul Wilkinson Park and a workplace stream application to re-construct an accessible washroom facility at the Lasalle boat ramp location.
- That Council approve the funding of approximately \$54,000 from the Parks reserve subject to the Town of Lasalle's successful application of the Enabling Accessibility Fund- Community Stream
- That Council approve the funding of approximately \$30,000 from the Infrastructure repair reserve subject to the Town of Lasalle's successful application of the Enabling Accessibility Fund- Workplace Stream

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Background:

The Enabling Accessibility fund for small-sized projects is administered by Employment and Social Development Canada. The objective of this grant is to increase accessibility for people with disabilities in Canadian communities and workplaces. There are two funding streams within the Enabling Accessibility fund, a workplace accessibility stream and a community accessibility stream. Under each stream of this grant program, the Ministry will fund 65% of a project cost up to a maximum of \$100,000.

Administration has estimated the cost to replace the existing pea gravel base with accessible engineered wood fibre within the playgrounds located at Jim Chappus Park, Meo Boulevard Park, Ojibway Park and Paul Wilkinson Park at \$154,000. Therefore, should the community accessibility grant be received the


Town's contribution will be \$54,000 of the total estimated cost of \$154,000. In the event, the workplace accessibility grant is received to reconstruct an accessible washroom facility the contribution from the Town will be \$30,000 of the estimated total cost of \$80,000.

The installation of engineered wood fibre will increase accessibility within the playgrounds and the reconstruction of the public washroom will provide an accessible facility at the boat ramp location.

The deadline to apply for this grant is July 26, 2018.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,


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Reviewed by:						
CAO	Finance	Council Services	Public Works	Development & Strategic Initiatives	Culture & Recreation	Fire Services
