

## Staff Report

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**Report To:** City Council  
**Report From:** Kristan Shrider, Senior Manager of Property and Parks  
**Meeting Date:** March 1, 2021  
**Report Code:** CS-21-014  
**Subject:** Harrison Park Community Centre Enabling Accessibility Grant Extension

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### Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-21-014 respecting Harrison Park Community Centre Enabling Accessibility Grant Extension, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the amended agreement extending the completion date to April 30, 2021.

### Highlights:

- The total project budget at the Harrison Park Community Centre (HPCC) is \$195,000.
- In 2019, the City was successful in receiving an Enabling Accessibility Grant for \$97,175 towards the project.
- During construction, delays in the supply and delivery of materials due to the COVID pandemic impacted the project schedule.
- The City has received approval to amend the project completion date outlined in the funding agreement. The estimated completion date is February 19, 2021.

### Strategic Plan Alignment:

The renovation project at the HPCC is supported by the following strategic initiatives:

3. Leverage our City's assets in order to enhance tourism opportunities.
6. Promote and enhance Owen Sound's built heritage.
7. Encourage and promote participation in cultural activities and active lifestyles.
8. Support community safety and social inclusion.
9. Address the City's infrastructure deficit.
10. Maximize revenue sources and funding opportunities.
13. Improve energy conservation, efficiency, and climate change.
14. Maintain, improve and promote the use of our local parks and trails.

## **Background:**

In July 2018, the City made an application under the Federal Enabling Accessibility Grant – Small Sized Project for accessibility improvements to the Harrison Park Community Centre.

The proposed Community Centre Accessibility Project will provide accessible parking, remove the physical barriers of the entrance stairway, provide accessible washrooms, and improve the accessibility to the kitchen area. It will include automatic door openers and the development of a fully accessible washroom.

The original completion date stated in the Enabling Accessibility Grant agreement was May 12, 2020. A request to amend the project completion date was approved by the representatives of the Federal Government and City Council in May 2020. Late notification of the approved funding and restrictions of COVID-19 in the project planning period warranted the completion date extension request.

The project completion date outlined in Amendment 1 was December 31, 2020.

## **Analysis:**

During construction, delays in the supply and delivery of materials due to the COVID pandemic have impacted the project schedule. A second request to

the Federal Government to amend the project completion date has been approved.

The completion date outlined in the second amended agreement is April 30, 2021. Key building materials that were the cause of delays have been delivered to the site and it is anticipated that the project will be completed by February 19, 2021.

### **Financial Implications:**

As described in this report.

Funds included in the 2020 budget.

### **Communication Strategy:**

This report to City Council.

The executed amended agreement to the Federal Government.

### **Consultation:**

Senior Manager of Property and Parks

Director of Community Services

Federal Government, Enabling Accessibility Grant Representative

### **Attachments:**

None.

### **Recommended by:**

Kristan Shrider, Senior Manager of Property and Parks

### **Reviewed by:**

Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services

### **Submission approved by:**

Tim Simmonds, City Manager

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