



## City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CSBU-2023-029

Date: March 14, 2023

Originator: Ian Kilgour

Business Unit:

Department:

Community Services

Community Development and Growth

Subject: Funding Contribution Agreement for Rotary Playground

Closed Session: yes  no

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### Recommendation

1. That City Council authorize the CAO and the Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Rotary Clubs of North Bay Ontario Canada Inc. and North Bay of Nipissing Inc. to provide the terms and conditions for their \$110,000 contribution to the new "Rotary Playground" that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor for legal implications and that is satisfactory to the CFO for financial requirements; and
2. That City Council approve the naming of the new playground the "Rotary Playground"; and
3. That City Council approve a Temporary Sign as required by and defined in the Sign By-law, and to be located on City owned lands immediately adjacent to the Family of Rotary Splash Pad behind the North Bay Museum commemorating Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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### Background

The City has worked closely with the Rotary Clubs of North Bay and North Bay-Nipissing (Rotary) since 2017 in the development of the "Family of Rotary Splash Pad" (Splash Pad).

The new Rotary project subject to this report is the "Rotary Playground" (Playground) to be located on the lakeside and integrated with of the Splash Pad. The new Playground has a lake theme with play apparatus resembling Lake Nipissing's boating heritage and a lighthouse among other features (See Schedule A).

Rotary has generously committed to provide a \$110,000 donation to the project. An agreement has been reached with Rotary on the terms and conditions of their funding commitment. This agreement will be finalized upon Council's approval of the recommendations included in this report.

For the Splash Pad, Rotary provided \$500,000 in donated funds. Under the Contribution Agreement between the City and Rotary the City agreed to Rotary having naming rights to the Splash Pad. In the new Contribution Agreement for the new playground, Rotary have requested, and it is recommended that Rotary have naming rights to the playground.

NOHFC has been a key partner in several phases of the redevelopment of the Downtown Waterfront through successive successful competitive grant applications, including:

- Servicing Infrastructure: \$3.3 M
- Pedestrian Underpasses: \$3.25 M
- Downtown Waterfront Master Plan: \$50K
- Rotary Splash Pad: \$150K

In addition to the above, and through a competitive grant application, the Province contributed \$305,000 through Infrastructure Canada's ICIP-COVID Resilience Infrastructure Stream for the recently constructed Multi-Use Courts. These courts are highly used at all times of the day and evening, by all age groups and abilities.

For the subject Playground, the Grant Facilitator made a Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) competitive grant application under the Community Enhancement Program. The City was successful in its grant application and has been approved for grant funding for \$437,693 from NOHFC for the project.

Thanks to funding already received from senior levels of government since 1987, the City has been able to construct the Waterfront and connect the Downtown to the Waterfront resulting in the new Downtown Waterfront area.

The Downtown Waterfront Master Plan recognizes all five (5) of the key priorities of the Strategic Plan:

- Natural, North & Near
- Economic Prosperity
- Affordable Balanced Growth
- Spirited Safe Community
- Responsible & Responsive Government

The vision statement of the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan is:

*North Bay's Downtown Waterfront will be unified in a comprehensive long-term vision that brings together economic strength, social parity,*

*environmental sustainability and cultural vibrancy.*

Recommended strategies to achieve the vision include: creating an attractive place to live and stay; support youth; create an accessible and safe place and establish affection for the Downtown Waterfront. This project contributes to each of these strategies.

This project meets these strategies and provides another amenity, accessible by all, in the Downtown Waterfront Area. Providing facilities like the Splash Pad, the Multi-Use Courts and the Playground for free, non-structured recreation activities is accepted as a critical piece of promoting youth, adolescent and adult wellness.

Rotary are also requesting permission to erect a Temporary Sign as defined and under the Sign By-law. The Sign will recognize Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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### **Financial/Legal Implications**

Report to Council CORP-2023-046 awards the tender for the construction of the Rotary Playground as well as outlines the funding plan which includes the commitment from the Rotary Clubs of North Bay and Nipissing.

The Rotary Clubs of North Bay and Nipissing are committed to providing \$110,000 for the "Rotary Playground". Upon execution of the agreement fifty percent (50%) of the Funding shall be paid to the City with the remaining fifty percent (50%) being paid to the City upon notice of substantial completion of the Playground. Rotary will have no further commitment or contributions towards the annual operational and maintenance costs of the playground.

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### **Corporate Strategic Plan**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government |   |

### **Specific Objectives**

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### **Options Analysis**

Option 1:

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This is the recommended option.

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Option 2:

That Council not enter into a Contribution Agreement with Rotary. This option is not recommended.

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### **Recommended Option**

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Respectfully submitted,

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### **I concur with this report and recommendation**

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# SCHEDULE A

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