

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Report DCS 25-2021

Council Meeting Date: June 15, 2021

TO: Mayor Weber and Members of Council
FROM: Steve McAuley, Director of Community Services
RE: Jays Care Foundation Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report DCS 25-2021 regarding the “Jays Care Foundation Grant” be received; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the associated funding agreement.

SUMMARY

This report provides Council with information on the Jays Care Foundation, Field of Dreams grant in the amount of \$54,800.00 that was received for the upgrades to the Rick Goodhand Memorial Baseball Diamond.

BACKGROUND

In 2020, the Municipality partnered with the Forest Minor Baseball Association to submit an application to the Jays Care Foundation, Field of Dreams grant. The application request was to provide upgrades to the Rick Goodhand Memorial Baseball Diamond located at Coultis Park in Forest. The upgrades included the replacement of fencing and existing dugouts. In spring of 2021, staff were informed that the application was successful and that a grant in the amount of \$54,800 was awarded.

The construction of the project was awarded at the May 4, 2021 meeting:

THAT Report DCS 21-2021 regarding the Forest Sports Park Tender Award be received; and

THAT the tender received from Bill Hoekstra General Contracting for the price of \$168,267.17 including HST be accepted; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the associated contract agreement.

The tender included the fencing upgrades and dugout replacement at the Rick Goodhand Memorial Baseball Diamond, and dugout replacements at the McRae

Baseball Diamond. The Jays Care Foundation grant will offset the cost of the fencing and dugouts at the Rick Goodhand Memorial Baseball Diamond. The receipt of the grant allows the Municipality to now complete other necessary upgrades to the facility through the 2021 capital budget including lighting replacements for the Rick Goodhand Memorial Baseball Diamond.

The Jays Care Foundation is the charitable arm of the Toronto Blue Jays. The Foundation has invested over \$13 million through Field of Dreams to support the building or refurbishment of more than 120 diamonds and recreation spaces across the country. The grant awarded to Forest Minor Baseball and the Municipality of Lambton Shores is one of 14 distributed throughout Canada in 2021.

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

There are no alternatives presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The recommendation is to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the funding agreement with the Jays Care Foundation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funding amount received from the Jays Care Foundation is \$54,800.00. The funding will be used to offset the 2021 capital budget costs for the new dugouts and fencing at the Rick Goodhand Memorial Baseball Diamond. The contract was awarded to Bill Hoekstra General Contracting at the May 4, 2021 Council meeting.

CONSULTATION

Staff consulted with the Forest Minor Baseball Association to submit the funding application.