



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015 at 4:45 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 CENTRE ROAD, LIONS BAY

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Public Participation**
- 4. Adoption of Minutes**
- 5. Business Arising from the Minutes**
- 6. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Community Centre Accessibility Walkway (Page 3)**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Public Questions & Comments**
- 9. Reporting Out from Closed Meeting**
- 10. Adjournment**

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Type	Report to Council			
Title	Community Centre Repair & Replace Project – Accessibility Walkway			
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Resolution:

THAT Village of Lions Bay Council endorses option _____ as noted in the CAO's January 20, 2015 report entitled Community Centre Repair & Replace Project – Accessibility Walkway;

AND THAT Council further directs staff to immediately facilitate this work in line with related policies and procedures, where applicable.

Background:

Late into the Community Centre Renovation project, it was realized the existing ramped walkway does not meet the minimum code requirements for handicapped accessibility. As a result, at the October 16, 2014 Regular Council meeting, Council resolved the following:

THAT Council apply for the 2015 Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Grant to develop an age friendly program for the Village of Lions Bay and to offset the cost of providing an age friendly 'accessible' walkway to the Community Centre; and,

THAT Council approve the expenditure of up to \$20,000 to provide an age friendly walkway to the Community Centre and that the funds be charged to the newly received Gas Tax Grant; and,

THAT this work be undertaken immediately.

Part of the recent upgrades to the Community Centre included a new handicapped washroom, which is itemised in the Community Recreation Program project scope agreement with the Ministry of Community, Sport and Development. Further review of the application documents, specifically the Community Recreation Program Application checklist, is the following mandatory requirement:

For sport or indoor recreation infrastructure the following are required as well:

- *Use of infrastructure will be maximized and accessible*

Additionally, page 1 of our Community Recreation Program grant application package, section 3, explicitly stated the following:

"A major health issue facing Lions Bay is the aging demographic of the Village. The proposed renewal project will help address the growing needs of

older adults in the Village by creating an accessible, age-friendly, and welcoming space. "

Since the October 16, 2014 resolution was passed, staff have been working with the Project Manager and the Contractor to reach an option that fell within the costing scope of \$20,000. Initially, the intention was for \$8,000 of the costing to be funded from the Age-Friendly Community Planning and Project Grant and the remaining \$12,000 to be funded from the Gas Tax Grant. The preliminary quote came in just under \$35,000 (before taxes and fees) and after working with the parties to identify further cost reductions, the most recent quote revealed very little savings could be realized.

There is some urgency to complete this project as the terms of the Community Recreation Program require 100% project completion no later than March 31, 2015.

Staff is seeking Council's direction on how they wish to proceed given the information noted above. By not proceeding with the accessibility walkway, we are compromising the terms of the grant funding. We would also be jeopardizing the Age-Friendly Grant funding, recently received with the intention of offsetting some of these project costs.

Council therefore is requested to identify which of the following options staff are directed to proceed with:

Option 1 (recommended):

Proceed with the current quote/project supplied by the Project Manager and Contractor to construct the accessibility walkway as previously directed by Council at the increased costs (approximately \$37,000 in total). Work would be requested to begin immediately and the additional funding could be realized from the remaining Gas Tax funds.

Option 2:

Issue a Request for Proposal on BC Bid to obtain independent quotes for this project. There is no guarantee the incoming quotes would be any less than the current quote and an RFP process would seriously compromise our ability to complete the work under the March 31, 2015 deadline noted in the Community Recreation Grant contract.

Option 3:

Do not proceed with construction of the accessibility walkway, understanding that this may jeopardize the \$440,000 Community Recreation Program grant funding we have received for this project.

For Council's consideration.