

TOWN OF INGERSOLL
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE CANADA (RInC) PROGRAM IN ONTARIO

Report No. R-096-09

Date: June 8, 2009

Mayor Holbrough and Members of Council:

1. Purpose of Report

This report seeks Council approval to submit a Council Resolution to the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program in Ontario in support of funding applications to upgrade existing Town recreational facilities.

2. Report

Through the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program in Ontario, the governments of Canada and Ontario have committed to supporting upgrades to community recreation facilities over the next two years.

The RInC Program in Ontario provides a timely, targeted stimulus to the Ontario economy through investments that will spur construction activity related to existing recreational infrastructure. Beyond economic stimulus and job creation, the program has been designed to renew, rehabilitate and modernize our recreational infrastructure to encourage higher levels of participation in physical activity and community buildings.

The Government of Canada will fund up to one third of a project's total eligible cost up to a maximum of \$1 million per project, with recipients providing the remaining balance. The Government of Ontario has committed funding as part of its provincial budget to match that allocated as part of the Government of Canada .

Applications for the RInC Program must be duly authorized. In the case of a local government submission, a resolution of council must be endorsed and submitted in order for projects to be funded. Applications were due on Friday, May 26, 2009. Staff submitted five applications:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Town's Contribution</u>
VPCC – Pool – Replacement of Dryton Unit (Pool's Air Handling System)	\$ 177,000	\$ 59,000
VPCC – Pool & Deck Tile Replacement	\$ 420,531	\$ 140,177

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Town's Contribution</u> (1/3)
Fusion Youth Centre - Heating & Cooling System	\$ 99,000	\$ 33,000
Ingersoll Recreational Trails – Upgrades & Extension	\$ 74,800	nil Trails Committee to contribute \$24,933
Dog Park	\$ 22,000	\$ 2,333 (\$5,000 in Reserves)
	Total Cost	\$ 234,510

3. Financial Impact

If all five projects are approved the Town of Ingersoll would have to contribute \$234,510 in 2009. The funding to support these stimulus projects could come from Tax Stabilization Reserve or other funding sources.

4. Recommendation

THAT Council support the RInC Applications as presented.

Respectfully submitted

Bonnie Ward, Director