

# STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**DATE:** September 24, 2021

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**NAME AND TITLE:** Blake McIntosh, Director Civic Operations

**SUBJECT:** Jumpstart Multisport Court Initiative

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Multisport Court Gift Agreement - DRAFT
2. PowerPoint Presentation

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That Council DIRECTS Administration to create a Multisport Court capital project for inclusion in the 2022 Capital Expenditure Plan.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on an opportunity presented to the City that would result in the construction of a new accessibility friendly multisport court facility within the City's recreation portfolio. Administration is requesting Council support and commitment to pursue this exciting opportunity.

**BACKGROUND:**

In spring of 2021, with support from Mr. Selen Alpay, Associate Dealer, Canadian Tire Corp., the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charity contacted the City to explore the establishment of an inclusive play project. Founded in 2005, Jumpstart Charities assist children in overcoming financial and accessibility barriers to sport and recreation in an effort to provide inclusive play for children of all abilities. Jumpstart Charities has partnered with municipalities and other stakeholders across Canada to create facilities that benefit communities through sport and play.

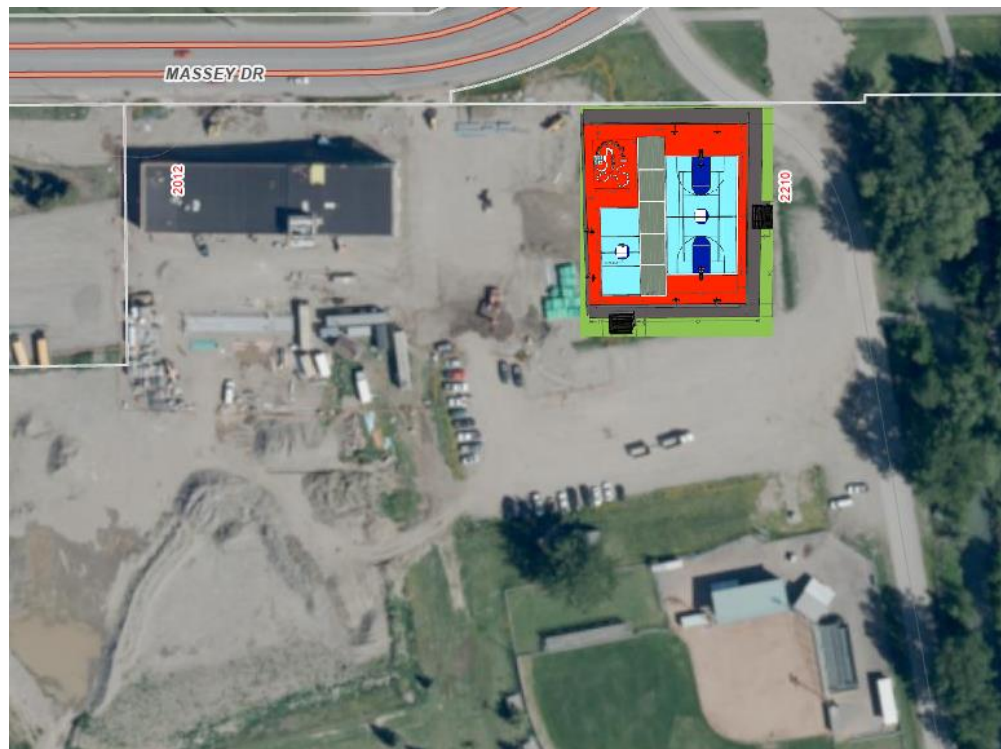
Through the engagement process, Administration worked with the Jumpstart Charity to establish which inclusive play facility could support the City's current recreational facility inventory. A Multisport Court was chosen as it provides multiple sport configurations and can serve all ages and abilities.

The Multisport Court project is a partnership between the City of Prince George and Jumpstart Charity that requires site development and financial commitment from the City to complete the site construction works. Jumpstart, through its contractor, provides equipment, materials and associated construction services to build the facility once the site has been developed and prepared. The City's contribution would involve preparing the site to the required standard for the court. Site preparation would include geotechnical investigation, earthworks, site grading, asphalt pad, electrical servicing, accessibility improvements and associated costs to complete these works. A civil consultant has been procured to provide the City with site design/construction drawings and a construction

estimate for tendering purposes within the 2022 construction season. The consultant deliverables are expected prior to the end of 2021 and estimates will be used to create a new project within the 2022 Capital Expenditure Plan, subject to Council's approval.

The new facility will be located within the Carrie Jane Gray recreation corridor adjacent to the new Fire Hall #1 on Massey Drive. (Figure. 1) This location aligns with current land use in the area and possesses existing infrastructure that supports the new facility. Suitability of the location will be confirmed through the geotechnical investigation and determination of existing shallow utility capacity.

Figure 1.



**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

The Multisport Court project supports and promotes our community's active living and relates to myPG goals of social connections, clear identity and pride, health and wellness and equity and inclusion.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The City will be responsible for funding all works associated with preparing the site for court construction. Construction estimates will be created and submitted to the Council for approval within the 2022 Capital Expenditure Plan process. Jumpstart Charities will build the inclusive multisport court valued at \$500,000. The City is also required to agree to and sign a Gift Agreement with Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities that reflects both parties commitment to the project, construction responsibilities, legacy works that include annual maintenance by the City and recognition in the form of Jumpstart naming rights and branding. A draft of the Gift Agreement is

attached for Council's information. The Gift Agreement will be finalized subject to Council approval of the Multisport Court capital project in the 2022 Capital Expenditure Plan.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

The Jumpstart Multisport Court initiative is a partnership project between the City of Prince George and Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. The project will provide a new, all-inclusive and fully accessible court facility within an existing recreation corridor. The City will be responsible for funding and development of the site to a standard that supports construction of the facility. Jumpstart Charities will provide construction services, materials and equipment to complete the multisport court. The City will complete site investigation, design and construction estimates that will be used to create a project for the 2022 Capital Expenditure Plan, subject to Council approval. Completion of this worthwhile endeavor would be scheduled for 2022.

Administration is requesting Council's support of the Jumpstart Multisport Court through approval to create a Multisport Court capital project for Council's consideration as part of the 2022 Capital Expenditure Plan.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations

**APPROVED:**

Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2021/10/04