

# STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**DATE:** February 6, 2020

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**NAME AND TITLE:** Dave Dyer, General Manager, Infrastructure and Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Jumpstart Accessibility Grant Application

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

## RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council:

1. RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION, the report dated February 6, 2020 from Dave Dyer, General Manager of Infrastructure and Public Works titled “Jumpstart Accessibility Grant Application”; and
2. AUTHORIZES the City’s Financial Officer and General Manager of Infrastructure and Public Works to sign any contract documents, should grant approval be received.

## PURPOSE:

To advise Council that Administration has submitted an application to the 2020 Jumpstart Accessibility Grant program to help fund a number of accessible components identified in the Four Seasons Leisure Pool (FSLP) Replacement Project. This report further seeks Council authorization to sign any contract documents as identified should the grant application be successful.

## BACKGROUND:

In January 2017, Council received the “Aquatic Needs Assessment: Four Seasons Leisure Pool” staff report which included a recommendation to replace the existing FSLP as it had reached its full service life and does not meet current accessibility and building code standards. Council responded with the approval of the FSLP Replacement Project in the 2017-2021 Financial Plan. Administration subsequently gained elector assent through Referendum to borrow \$35 million for the FSLP Replacement Project.

Administration has secured the contracted services of HDR architecture to lead the design and construction of the FSLP Replacement Project. HDR has developed a design for the new pool that includes input from key stakeholders such as accessibility groups, to ensure the facility will be flexible and accessible for all users. Public information sessions on the new downtown pool design will take place on February 20, 2020. Chandos Construction will construct the new pool with an anticipated start date in late spring 2020, followed by project completion in the summer of 2022.

**DISCUSSION:**

Administration has submitted an application to the 2020 Jumpstart Accessibility Grant program that could fund up to \$500,000 of accessibility components for the new pool facility that include pool entry wheelchair lifts, change room ceiling lifts, accessible change tables, and sliding doors.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

The FSLP Replacement Project supports Council's Focus Areas for healthy and active living, making Prince George accessible to all, and prioritizing infrastructure re-investment and renewal.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

A successful Jumpstart Accessibility Grant application would provide funding up to \$500,000 for accessibility components and could help offset the FSLP Replacement Project budget.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

Administration has submitted a 2020 Jumpstart Accessibility Grant program application that could fund up to \$500,000 of accessibility components for the FSLP Replacement Project as identified. This application and proposed accessibility components support a primary objective to ensure that the new pool is accessible and inclusive for all users.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Dave Dyer, General Manager, Infrastructure and Public Works

**PREPARED BY:** Laurie-Ann Kosec, Strategic Planner

**APPROVED:**

Kathleen Soltis, City Manager

Meeting Date: 2020/02/24

## Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Tiina Schaeffer - Feb 7, 2020 - 8:47 AM**

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**Adam Homes - Feb 7, 2020 - 9:14 AM**

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**Dave Dyer - Feb 7, 2020 - 9:18 AM**

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**Kathleen Soltis - Feb 7, 2020 - 3:58 PM**