

DATE: August 4, 2021

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Blake McIntosh, Acting Director Civic Operations

SUBJECT: Agriplex Updates Project

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council APPROVES a budget amendment to Project #3333 – “Agriplex Updates” to show a total project budget of \$300,000 that reflects the addition of \$100,000 with funding from the “Community Works Fund”, as described in the report dated August 4, 2021, from the Acting Director of Civic Operations titled “Agriplex Updates Project”.

PURPOSE:

This report is to provide Council with information on the Agriplex Updates project and to request the addition of \$100,000 in funding through a project budget amendment.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The Agriplex Updates project supports City Administration’s 2020 Workplan Priorities for the 2022 BC Summer Games and Council’s focus areas for building stronger neighborhoods, increasing civic pride, strengthening intergovernmental relations, and strengthening and diversifying our economy.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, Council approved the Agriplex Updates capital project for implementation in the same year to support the 2022 BC Summer Games that will be hosted in Prince George. The project includes updates to the Agriplex outdoor riding arena at Exhibition Park with footing improvements and expansion to meet the provincial standards for equestrian competition use.

STATUS UPDATE:

The City obtained qualified consulting services to develop engineered designs for project construction. The design exercise has identified the need for a drainage system and specified dirt surfacing materials that were not originally anticipated in the Agriplex Update project. These requirements will ensure safe conditions for both horses and their rider by eliminating the pooling of water, providing adequate footing, and increasing the longevity of the riding surface.

The consulting services and additional design requirements represent an additional cost of \$100,000 to the \$200,000 capital project budget. The project must also be completed in 2021 to provide sufficient time for settling and compaction of the surface area to support safe equestrian competitions in 2022.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Agriplex Updates capital budget of \$200,000 is funded through “Community Works Fund”. Additional funding in the amount of \$100,000 is required to complete the project and would require a budget amendment for a total project budget of \$300,000.

Original Council Approved Budget:	\$200,000.00
Additional Budget:	
Drains	\$50,000.00
Consulting	\$35,000.00
Contingency	\$15,000.00
Total Additional Budget	\$100,000.00

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

A Council approved budget of \$200,000 was set to upgrade the Agriplex outdoor riding arena to provincial standards. This budget was short in that the original consulting did not include drainage or the associated engineering. City Administration is requesting an additional \$100,000 in order to complete this project.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Dave Bradshaw, Acting Director, Civic Operations

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APPROVED: Walter Babicz, City Manager

Meeting Date: [2021/08/16]