

The Township of The Archipelago

Recommendation Report to Council

Report No.: 2025-004

Date: January 16, 2024

Originator: Josh Badger, Director of Operations and Facilities

Subject: PABPlex NOHFC Grant Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council execute an agreement for grant funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for Phase 1: PAB Roof Over Rink for a total project value of \$220,000, with up to \$198,000 in grant funding.
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BACKGROUND

An exposed outdoor rink pad exists on the Pointe Au Baril Community Centre property, south of the Nursing Station building and south-west of the Community Centre. The rink has a concrete slab surface, buried structural footings with exposed anchor bolts, and plywood hockey boards. The existing rink is 132' x 52'.

Efforts have historically been made to advance the project of placing a roof over the outdoor rink pad on the Pointe Au Baril Community Centre property. The rink was originally designed to accommodate a roof, but it had never been constructed. In December 2023, Council heard a deputation from the PABPlex Community Initiative group. The group was looking to work with the Township to explore funding opportunities and assist in project management, and in the spring of 2024 participated in developing a grant submission to the NOHFC.

The NOHFC funding request was for a project value of \$220,000, with up to 90% funding by NOHFC. The scope of the proposal included investigating the current structural footing capacities and viability for a future structure, as well as rehabilitating the damaged aspects of the footings, repair of the slab surface, the installation of hockey boards, and if appropriate, site preparation including electrical for a future phase.

We were notified this month that we were successful in our grant funding application for the project, with funding up to \$198,000 (90% of \$220,000 project value). To proceed with the project and secure the funding we must enter into an agreement with NOHFC.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The successful award of the NOHFC funding will reduce the capital expenditure required by the Township. 90% of eligible project expenses will be reimbursed, up to \$198,000. The Archipelago would be responsible for 10% of the eligible costs, estimated at \$22,000, as well as for any overages that occur.

We estimate the engineering investigation to be \$7,400, site servicing \$12,500, remediation of structural elements and construction of new boards \$174,100, and a contingency of \$26,000.

ANALYSIS/OPTIONS

Option 1 – Recommended

1. That Council execute an agreement for grant funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for Phase 1: PAB Roof Over Rink for a total project value of \$220,000, with up to \$198,000 in grant funding. This will allow the background work and tendering to begin, and construction to occur in the summer months.

Option 2 – Not Recommended

1. That Council does not support entering into the funding agreement with NOHFC for the PABPlex Roof on Rink project and forgoes the awarded grant funding. This would be unfortunate, as the project is 90% funded and will improve an asset that is currently in poor condition. Declining such funding would also limit the ability to proceed with subsequent phases of work on the asset.
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STRATEGIC PLAN

This direction is in alignment with the following Strategic Priorities contained within our Strategic Plan:

- Sustainable & Cost-Effective Services
 - Effective Relationships & Partnerships
 - Leadership & Communications
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CONCLUSION

1. That Council execute through by-law an agreement for grant funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for Phase 1: PAB Roof Over Rink for a total project value of \$220,000, with up to \$198,000 in grant funding.

Respectfully Submitted,



Josh Badger
Director of Operations and Facilities

I concur with this report
and recommendation,



John B. Fior
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS

Draft By-law
NOHFC Agreement

The Corporation of the

TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO

BY-LAW NO. 2025-

A By-law to Authorize the Execution of a Conditional Contribution Agreement Between Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and The Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago for Community Enhancement Program 7500216 Pointe Au Baril Rink renovation.

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Sec. 9 as amended, a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers, and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this act and any other Act; and

WHEREAS funding for the renovation of the Pointe Au Baril Community Rink (PABPlex) was previously applied for through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation Community Enhancement Program for a project total of \$220,000; and

WHEREAS the Pointe Au Baril PABPlex will continue to serve the community's needs now and into the future, delivering recreation, sport, and social opportunities and is in need of renovation to improve the current condition and prepare for future phases such as a roof; and

WHEREAS funding up to \$198,000, being 90% of eligible project expenses, was awarded for the review and repair of structural elements, site servicing, and new hockey boards; and

WHEREAS The Archipelago would be responsible for funding the remaining 10% of eligible project costs, including being responsible for any overages that may occur.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED as a By-Law of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago as follows:

1. That the Clerk is hereby authorized to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to an agreement between Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, and the Corporation of the Township of The Archipelago, for the funding of the renovation of the Pointe Au Baril Community Rink; and
2. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

READ and FINALLY PASSED in OPEN COUNCIL this 17th day of January, 2025.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF THE ARCHIPELAGO

Bert Liverance, Reeve

Maryann Martin, Clerk

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