

Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee
Proposal for Funding from Capital Project 7086008
(Accessibility)

Access Funding Proposals are only available to projects internal to the Corporation. Funding will be on a one-time only basis except in rare circumstances.

Funding proposals may be submitted at any time. Proposals should be received by the clerk's office 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting to ensure the matter is addressed at the next scheduled meeting. If the agenda for the next meeting is already full it will be addressed at the following meeting.

Instructions for completing this application:

Complete Sections 1 and 2 and return to Karen Kadour, WAAC Coordinator at kkadour@citywindsor.ca Please forward a signed PDF version in addition to the Word version that you fill out . WAAC will consider all proposals and may request attendance at a WAAC meeting for further discussions.

Section 1: Project Details

Date Submitted: February 20, 2018

Department: Asset Planning and Parks

Description of Barrier Removal Project and how it promotes universal access to all persons with disabilities (include appropriate references to attitudinal, informational, physical, technological, and architectural or policy barriers):

City Council approved the lease of land to Riverside Minor Baseball Club (RMBC) to create a Miracle Field, with a larger vision for a Miracle Park. RMBC is required to raise funding for any elements of the park which are on the lands leased to them. This includes the Miracle Field, stadium setting, parking lot improvements and relocation of the cenotaph, all of which will be accessible removing barriers for persons with disabilities. The larger vision for the entire park

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included creating accessible washroom /change location, improvements to pool for accessibility, accessible playground and park trail around the entire perimeter including accessible markings and comfort stations, accessibly family picnic areas and improvements to the City owned parking lot area. In total the project is estimated to cost \$4.4M. RMBC is well on their way to funding the \$1.6M required for the work on their leased lands. The City of Windsor has currently approved \$582K for the accessible washroom/change area and playground, with an additional \$94K being requested in a report being presented to Council on March 5th.

The City requires an additional \$1.1M to complete the accessible washroom/change area, playground and pool improvements for accessibility. The report on March 5th is also seeking Council's approval to submit the Miracle Park project to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart grant for \$1M. As has been the case with other grant opportunities use of these funds for movable equipment such as accessible change stations and wheelchairs for pool access is not usually eligible. These pieces are a part of the overall design and as such we are requesting the Accessibility Committee contribute \$100,000 for their purchase. The approval of these funds will put the project submission in a very strong position as it will have full funding if the grant is approved and all aspects of the field, parking lot, cenotaph, washroom/change area, pool and playground will be completed for Summer 2019.

Attached is a diagram of the vision for the park, spreadsheet of the costs for the park, list of organization who have already provided letters of support to the initiative and the Council report going forward March 5th regarding the project and Jumpstart grant are included in this submission. The funding being requested from the committee could be used in a number of ways however, two ideas are being brought forward to the committee for consideration:

- A. The funding could specifically be used to purchase equipment to upgrade the pool facility with a new pool lift, accessible pool chairs and will also help support the re-construction of accessible washroom and change facilities.
- B. The funding could be used to purchase some pool equipment and perhaps upgrade the playground with a specific piece of specialty playground equipment. We would like the committee to be a part of the process in the active decision as to what part of the project they would like to fund up to a total of \$100,000.

Provide a list of users and groups that will benefit from this barrier removal activity:

A list of all supporting partners to the Miracle Field and Miracle Park is attached. We are also seeking \$1M in grant funding from Canadian Tires Jumpstart Program.

Identify all partners in this project:

Riverside Minor Baseball Club (RMBC) and City of Windsor are currently identified partners for the park. RMBC has raised nearly \$1M towards their goal for the development of the miracle field, move of the cenotaph and accessibility improvements to the leased parking lot. The City of Windsor has allocated funding towards the accessible playground and washroom/change room initiatives.

Identify in kind and volunteer contributions:

RMBC has several volunteers which have contributed to the Miracle Field and Park project. To date they have provided in kind services for tasks such as budget development and overall design and accessibility needs.

If this is for a modification to the built environment, has your site been audited for accessibility using the Windsor Barrier Free Design Standards (FADS)?

Yes No **Comments:** City staff have done preliminary investigative work on the property regarding compliance with FADS. The current washroom/change area in the park will be completely rebuilt to make it compliant with FADS and more accessible for both general park use as well as for the pool. The City of Windsor is dedicated to ensure the end result is in full compliance with FADS.

Does the project meet or exceed Ontario Building Code or Windsor Barrier Free Design Standards requirements? (Explain)

At this time the facility only meets Ontario Building Code standards, but it does not meet Windsor Barrier Free Design standards. This is the reason for the City funding and submission to the Jumpstart grant so that the location can be rehabilitated to ensure it meets with the OBC and WBFDS.

Does the vendor/supplier/designer/contractor of this project support the principles of full accessibility for people with disabilities?

Yes No Comments: Selected vendor will be required to support these principles. The City recently completed an accessible washroom and change area at Gino Marcus. The team which worked on that project have been consulted to ensure this project is a success.

Appropriate supporting Documents to be provided to the Committee Coordinator, Council Services one week prior to the meeting: Letters of Support Plans/drawings Cost Analysis Other (Explain) (Where a project is very large approval may be obtained in stages i.e.: approval in principle, approval after plans or drawings are available, final approval)—

This is a very large project with multiple partners and funding resources, as such the drawings provided are only preliminary however, we would be more than happy to share with the committee the drawings and plans as they become available.

NOTE: Purchases are subject to the provisions of the Purchasing By-law 93-2012 and it is generally necessary for funding requests to be accompanied by the applicable quotes at the time of the request .

What is the expected project completion date?

Summer 2019

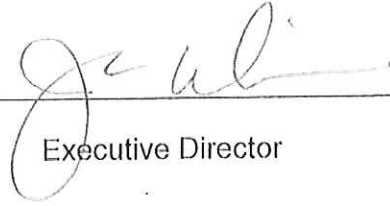
Section 2 Project Costs:

Amount Requested from Accessibility Advisory Committee	\$100,000
Department contribution approved	\$582,000
Department contribution pending approval March 5 th	\$94,000
RMBC	\$1,605,000
Jumpstart Grant (pending)	\$1,000,000
Total	\$3,381,000

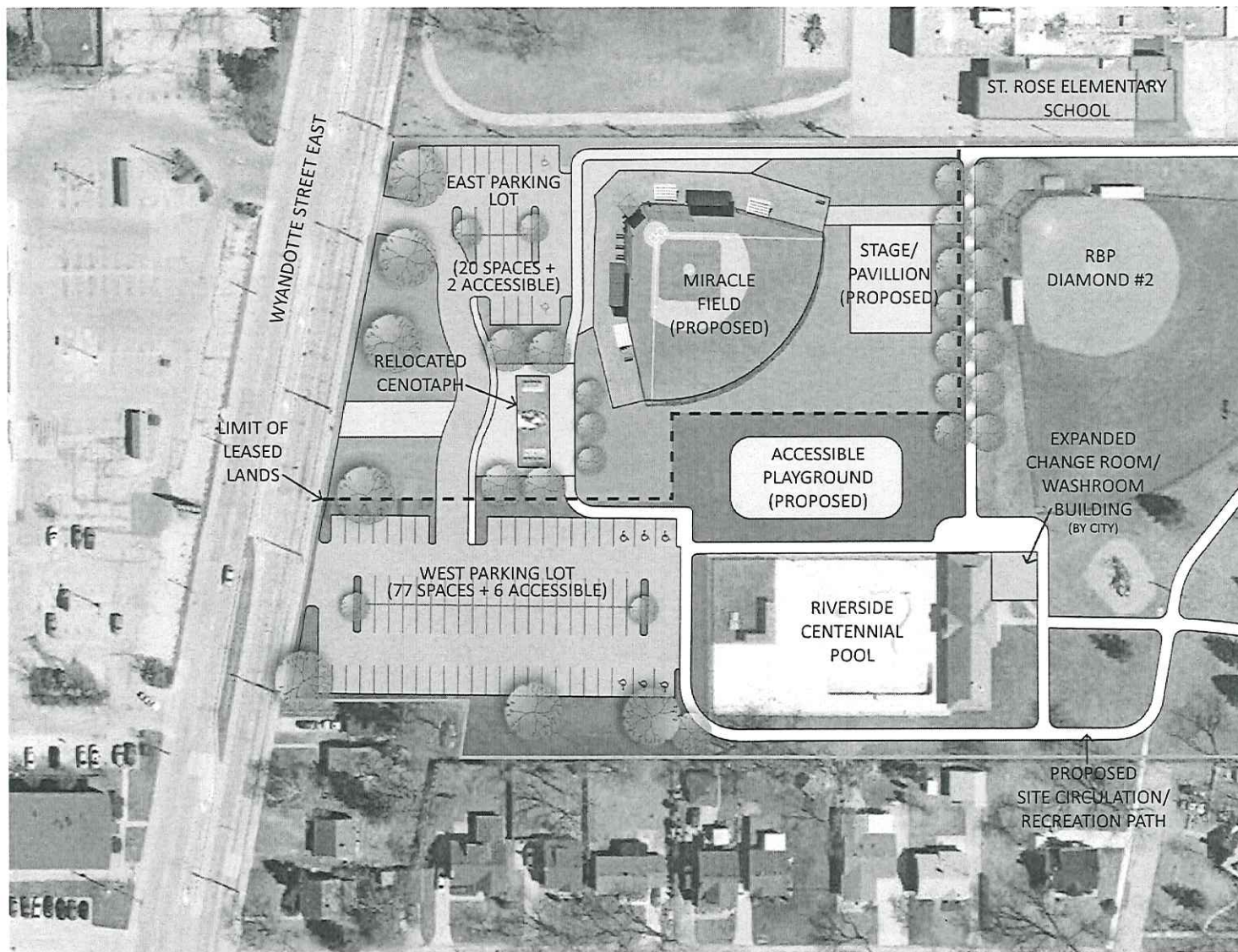
Of note the total cost of the project is estimated at \$4.4M. If the grant is approved as well as the additional funding from the Accessibility Committee and Council a balance of approximately \$1M will remain with funding sources to be identified. It should be noted that one of the key funding streams for the Federal Governments new Infrastructure funding program is inclusive and accessible areas. Administration intends to recommend the balance of this project be included as one of our projects for this funding.

Feb 20/18

Date Signed

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Executive Director



Task: CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN (VERSION 2.1)
Project: RIVERSIDE MIRACLE PARK

Date: JAN. 5, 2018
Scale: nts
Project No: 17-016

FIGURE
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Subject: Canadian Tire Jumpstart Inclusive Design Innovation Grant

Reference:

Date to Council: 03/05/2018
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Asset Planning
Report Date: 2/6/2018
Clerk's File #:

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Recommendation:

THAT City Council APPROVE the submission of the Universal and Accessible Miracle Park Project, inclusive of the "Miracle Field", located at St. Rose Park in Riverside for submission to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities Accessibility Grant under the "Inclusive Design Innovation Grants" stream;

THAT City Council CONFIRM their commitment to the project submission;

THAT in the event other grants, IN-KIND services or donations are received towards the Universal and Accessible Miracle Park Project, inclusive of the "Miracle Field", the Chief Administrative Officer BE AUTHORIZED to reallocate City committed funds, as identified under the Financial Matters section, to other elements of the project in order to capitalize on the grant opportunity;

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer BE AUTHORIZED to execute any agreements, declarations or approvals required to submit the application to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities Accessibility Grant;

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to take any such action and sign any such documentation as may be required to effect the recommendations and funding for the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities Accessibility Grant under the "Inclusive Design Innovation Grants" stream as noted above, subject to all documentation being satisfactory in legal form to the City Solicitor, in technical content to the Corporate Leader for Parks, Culture, Recreation and Facilities and in financial content to the City Treasurer;

THAT City Council APPROVES the awarding of specific work on City park lands in St Rose park should the work and or material be provided as a donation or in kind

services, subject to the vendor being a vendor with good standing and work is executed within City standards and the work does not result in approval of additional work at a cost and;

THAT in the event the City receives written confirmation of the grant funding being awarded and project costs are within their respective budgets as outlined in the Financial Matters Section and implementation of the projects does not result in a need for additional funding not already approved by City Council, and the grant provider confirms expenditures as of that date are eligible, then City Council APPROVES the following recommendations:

- a) The funding sources for the City's portion of the projects as outlined in the financial matters section of this report, including an additional \$94,000 funded from Fund 160, Capital Reserve; and
- b) The Chief Administrative Officer to DELEGATE signing of all claims and applicable schedules and other such documents required as part of the request for payment to the CLT for Parks, Culture, Recreation and Facilities or designate, subject to financial content approval from the area's Financial Planning Administrator or their manager; and
- c) The Chief Administrative Officer and City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to sign agreements or contracts with successful vendors/proponent/bidders satisfactory in technical content to the City Engineer for all projects, in financial content to the City Treasurer, and in legal form to the City Solicitor;
- d) The Purchasing Manager BE AUTHORIZED to issue Purchase Orders or RFP's as may be required to effect the recommendations noted above, subject to all specification being satisfactory in technical content to the City Engineer, in legal content to the City Solicitor and in financial content to the City Treasurer.

Executive Summary:

N/A

Background:

At the June 19, 2017 Council meeting the following resolution was passed:

Decision Number: CR366/2017

That City Council ENDORSE Riverside Minor Baseball Association's proposal to enter into an agreement with the City of Windsor, for the former Riverside Arena land only, and subject to the following:

1. *Term of the agreement to be for an initial period of ten years with two additional options for renewal of 25 years, upon mutual agreement;*

2. *All improvements to BE UNDERTAKEN on the noted property (miracle diamond, parking lot, cenotaph) and their ongoing maintenance, to be at the sole expense of the Riverside Minor Baseball Association;*
3. *The improvements and the ongoing maintenance BE SUBJECT to approval by the Corporate Leader of Parks, Recreation, Facilities and Culture;*
4. *Insurance to satisfaction of City of Windsor Legal Department;*
5. *DISCUSSIONS TO CONTINUE with the City of Windsor on mutually beneficial projects that could be cost shared by the City of Windsor and the Riverside Minor Baseball Association, to enhance St. Rose Park;*
6. *That the agreement, when finalized, BE REPORTED BACK directly to City Council for final approval; and*
7. *That Administration (City of Windsor) BE AUTHORIZED to demolish the former Concord School and the City of Windsor to develop the site as low density housing.*

In addition City Council approved the allocation of \$400,000 in the 2018 Enhanced Capital Budget for use as the City's contribution for the accessible washrooms to support the Jumpstart grant application.

Early January 2018 Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities announced the availability of Jumpstart Accessibility Grants under their Play Finds A Way Program. Jumpstart's Play Finds A Way will support selected organizations with the costs associated with infrastructure and programming as they relate to providing inclusive play opportunities for kids with disabilities.

This report addresses the direction of item # 5 of the Council Decision above as well as the opportunity to apply for a \$1,000,000 Grant under the Inclusive Design Innovation Grants stream.

Discussion:

In the fall of 2016, dedicated community members formed the "Save the Park" project intent on maintaining the Former Riverside Arena Site/St. Rose Park and Riverside Baseball Park as green space with inclusion of a Miracle Diamond. Since that time the following has transpired:

- The City of Windsor has endorsed Riverside Minor Baseball Association's proposal to enter into an agreement for the Former Riverside Arena only subject to the terms outlined in CR366/2017
- The Riverside Minor Baseball Club (RMBC) Miracle Park Steering Committee, under the umbrella of the not-for-profit corporation RMBC designated in 1990, has been formed with a mission to embrace the physical and mental well-being of the Windsor Community by promoting and providing a community centre to enhance opportunities for the recreational, educational, cultural and community programs for all

- RMBC has raised over \$1 Million in donations towards it's \$2.5 Million goal to construct a Miracle Field, improve the parking lot, relocate the Cenotaph, add an accessible playground and paths.
- The Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities Accessibility Grant Opportunities have been announced

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities is a national charity dedicated to helping kids overcome financial and accessibility barriers to sport and recreation in order to provide inclusive play for kids of all abilities.

Since 2005, Jumpstart has disbursed more than \$135 Million to help Canadian families overcome the financial barriers to accessing play and sport with the generous support of the Canadian Tire Family of Companies. Now, with an additional five-year \$50 Million commitment from Canadian Tire Corporation, Jumpstart is expanding its mandate to help remove barriers for kids with disabilities. Jumpstart's Play Finds A Way is a ground-breaking movement to help remove barriers for kids with disabilities. One of the programs within Play Finds A Way includes the Jumpstart Accessibility Grants, which are intended to support capital costs of construction and renovations related to improving physical accessibility to, and inclusivity in recreation facilities for children with disabilities in Canadian communities.

The City of Windsor is well positioned to apply for a Jumpstart Play Finds A Way grant application in support creating the vision of a Universal and Accessible Miracle Park Project located at St. Rose Park in Riverside.

The Miracle Park Project is inclusive of a stakeholder partnership driven by Riverside Minor Baseball Club Fundraising Committee (RMBC) transforming the former Riverside Arena site into a "Miracle Field League" baseball diamond, an accessible playground, accessible parking lot and relocation of the veteran cenotaph.

The requirements of the grant are such that the City of Windsor would need to apply. Administration recommends that the City of Windsor apply for this Jumpstart Grant to assist with the development and completion of the accessible playground, accessible washroom building construction, that will accommodate accessibility entrances to the pool, parking lot and playground. Future phases will include a family picnic area, park trails, parking lot improvements and additional support to the accessible playground area.

The Accessibility Committee has also been asked to consider a contribution of \$100,000 towards this park to fund equipment which will used in the accessible washroom/change areas as well as make further accessible improvements to the pool.

Programming will be inclusive and integrate all of the stakeholders, user groups and the City of Windsor Recreation & Culture.

This inclusive project is receiving letters of support from a multitude of organizations within the community. Please see in the Support Letter List in the Appendix for a list of organizations which as of February 20th have been asked or have already provided letters of support to the project.

Risk Analysis:

There is the potential risk that the application is not selected for funding or receives an amount less than the requested \$1Million maximum. If so, this would require a downgrade of the planned project and/or increased City of Windsor funding commitment and/or an increase in donations to RMBC and/or extended timelines for completion. Should this occur a report will be brought to City Council for direction.

Financial Matters:

Administration formed a working committee for the application with representation from RMBC, Parks and Recreation, Asset Planning, Diversity, Accessibility Advisory and Corporate Communications and input has been provided by all parties to this report.

The cost of the Miracle Park has been estimated at \$4.4Million (not including non-recoverable HST). The table below is the breakdown of the components for the Universal and Accessible Miracle Park Project and associated funding commitments:

PROJECT ELEMENT	ESTIMATED COST (not including HST)	City of Windsor \$ Commitment *	WAAC Grant Request (\$100,000 max)	Jumpstart Grant Request (\$1,000,000 max)	RMBC Fundraising and Grants (target \$2.5M)	Funding Sources to Be Identified
Accessible Playground	\$600,000	\$275,000		\$325,000		
Centennial Pool Facility Improvements	\$1,175,000	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$675,000		
Perimeter Pathway	\$530,000					\$530,000
West Parking Lot	\$320,000					\$320,000
Site Finishing and Landscaping	\$185,000					\$185,000
City of Windsor Park land	\$2,810,000	\$675,000	\$100,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,035,000
Site Preparation for the Miracle Field	\$120,000				\$120,000	
Miracle Field	\$660,000				\$660,000	
East Parking Lot and Access Roadway	\$225,000				\$225,000	
Cenotaph Relocation	\$85,000				\$85,000	
Stage/Pavillion	\$155,000				\$155,000	
Site Finishing and Landscaping	\$235,000				\$235,000	
Contingency Allowance	\$50,000				\$50,000	
Design, Administration & Inspection Allowance	\$75,000				\$75,000	
RMBC Leased Lands	\$1,605,000		\$0	\$0	\$1,605,000	\$0
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,415,000	\$675,000	\$100,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,605,000	\$1,035,000

***This amount does NOT include Non-recoverable HST**

The table outlines how the \$1M grant and \$100K accessibility funding will be allocated if awarded. It also shows the City's current contribution of \$400K for the accessible washroom and \$182K for an accessible playground (previously approved as part of City Council's funding to ensure 1 accessible playground per Ward). Administration is requesting that City Council approve an additional \$94K towards the accessible playground area. This would ensure all funding required to complete the accessible washroom/change rooms as well as the accessible playground are fully funded if we are awarded the grant.

This helps the City put forward a strong application for the project. Based on current donations for the Miracle Field, our submission would be put forward that by Summer 2019 the Miracle Field, cenotaph, parking lot (on leased lands), accessible playground, accessible washroom and change areas and accessible pool enhancements will be fully complete. We feel this is a strong statement in our submission as the areas will be fully usable within a year their first grant announcement.

It should be noted that RMBC continues to raise donations towards the entire project as originally agreed to. Should RMBC or the City be successful in obtaining additional donations

and or grants towards specific parts of the park the ability to reallocate City funding to addition elements of the park will help to leverage those dollars to complete work currently not funded.

Consultations:

Bill Kell – Co-Chair Riverside Minor Baseball Charities (RMBC)

Rick Farrow - Co-Chair Riverside Minor Baseball Charities (RMBC)

Dave Killen – Landmark Engineers and member of RMBC

Jen Knights - Manager WIATC/Adventure Bay and Aquatics Services

Terry Fasan – Parks Technologist

Heidi Baillargeon – Landscape Architect

Mike Clement – Manager, Parks Development

Mark Friel – Financial Planning Administrator

Mark Spizzirri – Manager, Operational Budget Control & Financial Admin

Gayle Jones - Diversity/Access Officer

Nora Bertram-Romero – Corporate Marketing & Communications Officer

Alex Vucinic – Purchasing Manager

Conclusion:

It is recommended that Council approve the submission of the application for the Universal and Accessible Miracle Park Project, inclusive of the “Miracle Field”, located at St. Rose Park in Riverside for submission to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities Accessibility Grant under the “Inclusive Design Innovation Grants” stream and approve a commitment to the required City funding.

Planning Act Matters:

N/A

Approvals:

Name	Title
Mark Friel	Financial Planning Administrator
Melissa Osborne	Senior Manager Asset Planning

Name	Title
Jan Wilson	Corporate Leader-Parks, Corporate Facilities, Recreation & Culture
Shelby Askin Hager	City Solicitor
Joe Mancina	Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer
Onorio Colucci	Chief Administrative Officer

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Appendices:

- 1 Minutes Copy of CR366/2017
- 2 On-Line Application Shell
- 3 Background info CM24/2017
- 4 Support Letter List



February 16, 2018

Mayor Drew Dilkens
The Corporation of the City of Windsor
350 City Hall Square West
Mayor's Office, 2nd Floor
Windsor, Ontario
N9A 6S1

Dear Mayor Dilkens:

Re: Support for The Miracle Park Project

Community Living Essex County is a non-profit, charitable organization which supports over 700 people, of all ages, who have an intellectual disability and their families throughout Essex County. Our vision is for a community that celebrates inclusion and inspires possibilities. Our mission is to support people in achieving their goals and dreams and to realize their value as full citizens in their community.

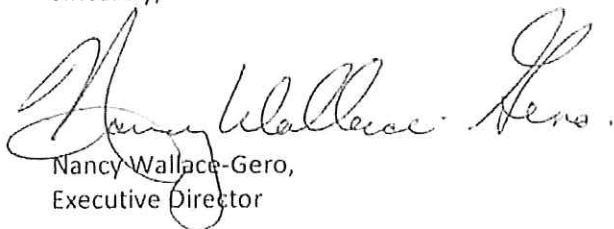
We applaud The City of Windsor's work to develop the new and improved Universal and Accessible Miracle Park Project at St. Rose Park in Riverside. This undertaking will provide a much needed, inclusive park that will be of tremendous benefit and enjoyment to so many in Windsor and Essex County. It is a very meaningful venue worthy of funding consideration.

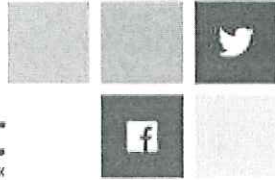
Everyone deserves the opportunity to participate in inclusive activities in their home communities. For example, many people we support enjoy the Miracle League in Amherstburg, Ontario. We know firsthand its' value has far exceeded the investment required.

We lend our support to the Miracle Park Project and are hopeful the grant application under the Jumpstart *Play Finds a Way* will be successful.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Nancy Wallace-Gero,
Executive Director



February 16, 2018

Mayor Drew Dilkins
The Corporation of the City of Windsor
350 City Hall Square West
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Windsor, ON N9A 6S1

Dear Mayor Dilkins:

Jumpstart Play Finds A Way Community Accessibility Grants – The Miracle Park Project

I am writing in support of the funding grant application to the **Jumpstart Play Finds a Way Community Accessibility Grant Fund** for the Miracle Park Project. Rarely have I seen such an absolute fit between the funding criteria and grant application, as the one you are submitting.

As you may know, consistent with our health promotion mandate, the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit promotes physical activity, reducing screen time, and healthy active living for all residents. In addition, we recognize that the benefits of participating in sport and physical activity go far beyond those associated with chronic disease prevention.

Physical activity and participation in recreational sport are associated with positive mental health, improved sleep, greater self-efficacy, decreased likelihood of substance misuse, increased academic performance, and so much more. This project has the capacity to extend these benefits to Windsor residents who may have historically been excluded; not because of their own limitations, but entirely due to the barriers associated with the physical design of traditional sports and recreation complexes. The City of Windsor's Miracle Park Project promises to address this inequity by developing a completely accessible recreation and sporting environment for all to enjoy and benefit from the associated improvements in overall quality of life.

In closing, the Ontario Public Health Standards (2018) require Health Units to collaborate with our community partners and residents to promote and protect health and collectively reduce health inequity. This project aligns perfectly with our mandate, and we are pleased to support this application.

Please feel free to contact me at 519-258-2146, Ext #1475, or by email at tmarentette@wechu.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Theresa Marentette, RN, MSc
Acting CEO, Director of Health Protection, Chief Nursing Officer



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February 15, 2018

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Attn: Mayor Drew Dilkens

Your Worship:

I write this letter to enthusiastically support the application by the Corporation of the City of Windsor for a Jumpstart **Play Finds A Way** grant in support of a new and improved Universal and Accessible **Miracle Park Project**.

The Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County (the MCC), is an umbrella non-profit charitable organization that has strived to achieve -as per its mission- to create a welcoming community for all through education, community engagement and the promotion of diversity and equality. Serving the Windsor-Essex region since 1973, the organization has worked in the area of Settlement and Integration, Language Integration and Skills and Community Welcoming. It is the lead agency regarding the Newcomers initiative.

We have been collaborating with the Corporation of the City of Windsor for over 40 years, as a partner; the Multicultural Council of Windsor & Essex County is happy to support the Miracle Park Project a ground-breaking movement to help remove barriers for newcomer children of different abilities by enhancing sport and recreation spaces with uniquely innovative solutions for inclusion and accessibility.

Play space is important; the Miracle Park Project will be a universal inclusive park that benefits all children, with all abilities, and all ethnic cultures. We are proud of our diversity in Windsor Essex and this park may help draw our community closer as newcomers and residents. We believe this project holds great promise for supporting and strengthening communities while simultaneously enhancing diversity within them.

Therefore, the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County strongly agrees to support this project and is committed to being active to this partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Thomas
Executive Director
Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex County

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To promote and encourage a harmonious society in Windsor and Essex County that is multi-racial, multi-ethnic and multi-faith, and to work towards the social equality of all cultures.

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December 16, 2016

City of Windsor Counsellors:

RE: Riverside Minor Baseball Association (RMBA) Miracle League Playing Field Proposal

This is a letter of support for the plans that the RMBA has presented to JMCC for consideration.

JMCC strongly supports programs that strive to improve accessibility and inclusiveness for our children and their families. The proposal to build a second Miracle League playing field with an accessible fitness path and accessible playground would further promote these opportunities for both children and adults with physical, cognitive and sensory issues.

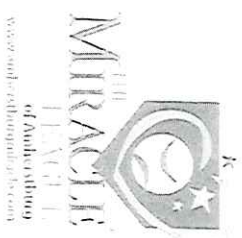
Windsor/Essex County has always been a leader in promoting opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Essex County was the first community to bring the Miracle League to Canada. As a community partner we have both endorsed the program and have strongly recommended its program to all our clients. Few programs allow such a wide range of ages and disabilities. Family feedback has always been extremely positive.

The current Miracle League program is located in Amherstburg, which limits many of our families being able to access the program who have transportation issues or distance issues with children who fatigue easily from car travel. The current Miracle League has been reported to be full to capacity with a waitlist for participants. We believe a second location would be a benefit to those who cannot currently access the program.

We urge you to give support to this program.

Respectfully,

Anne Girard
Director of Physiotherapy/Recreation
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February 20, 2017

City of Windsor Council:

We are writing this letter in support of the Riverside Group's project to create another miracle field within Essex County.

The Miracle League provides the opportunity for children and adults with disabilities a chance to play baseball, make new friends with both able bodied individuals and their own peers, and to build self esteem.

The Miracle League removes barriers that keep anyone with a disability off the baseball field and lets them experience the joy of this great pastime. Our Players may not be able to run the bases as well as their peers, but they have an equal amount of love and determination to play the game. We want to help them achieve that dream.

If we can help give just one more person with a disability the joy of playing baseball, we support the Riverside Group in their endeavor to create more miracles both on and off a miracle field. We believe there is enough need to justify the creation of this field. You are welcome to contact Chuck Bondy, President (519-736-6171) or visit our website at www.amherstburgmiracle.com if you require any further information.

Sincerely,


Board of Directors of the
Miracle League of Amherstburg

"Everyone deserves a chance to Play Baseball"

The Miracle League of Amherstburg
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February 6, 2018

Mr. Rick Farrow, Committee Co-Chair
c/o Miracle Park Riverside
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Mr. Bill Kell, Committee Co-Chair
c/o Miracle Park Riverside
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Dear Gentlemen,

As the Executive Director of the Learning Disabilities Association of Windsor-Essex County, I am writing this letter to convey my support for the Riverside Miracle Park.

A large number of clients in our organization are children with various disabilities. We are very aware of the struggles that families face when raising children with both cognitive and physical challenges. To have a Miracle Park in the heart of our City gives those families an opportunity for their children to be a part of the community and to participate in a sport that they love.

Our Mission Statement is to assist children, youth, and adults with learning disabilities and those who support them through information sharing, support and relevant programs. In keeping with our Mission Statement, we are very pleased to support the Riverside Miracle Park and making dreams come true for so many in our community!

Sincerely,

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Mayor's Office <i>Chief of Staff</i>	Norma Coleman	350 City Hall Sq W, 201 N9A 6S1	WIN	ON	519-255-6799	ncoleman@citywindsor.ca		
Accessibility Advisory Committee <i>Diversity/Access Officer</i>	Gayle Jones	400 City Hall Sq E N9A 7K6	WIN	ON	519-255-6515x6601	gjones@citywindsor.ca	14-Feb	
Autism Windsor Essex <i>Executive Director</i>	Cheryl Huczel	3600 Curry Ave N9E 2T6	WIN	ON	519-966-7283	autism@mnsi.net	15-Feb	
Brain Injury Assn of Windsor Essex County <i>Executive Director</i>	Anne Jurak	P.O. Box 22070 11500 Tecumseh Rd E N8N 5G6	WIN	ON	519-981-1329	info@biawe.com	14-Feb	
Children's First <i>Executive Director/Program Director</i>	Lori Kempe Joel Schryer	3295 Quality Way, Suite 202 N8T 3R9	WIN	ON	519-250-1850x202	jschryer@children-first.ca	15-Feb	
CMHA Windsor-Essex <i>Executive Director</i>	Karen Gignac	1400 Windsor Avenue N8X 3L9	WIN	ON	519-255-7440	kgignac@cmha-weceb.on.ca	15-Feb	
CNIB <i>Executive Director</i>	Betty Leeson	4900 Wyandotte St N8Y 1H7	WIN	ON	519-253-1900	betty.leeson@cnib.ca	15-Feb	
Community Living <i>Executive Director</i>	Nancy Wallace-Gero	372 Talbot Street North N8M 2W4	Essex	ON	519-776-6483	nancy@communitylivingessex.org	15-Feb	15-Feb
Csc Providence Catholic French Board <i>Director of Education</i>	Joseph Picard	7515 Forest Glade Dr N8T 3P5	WIN	ON	519-948-9227	picajose@cscprovidence.ca	1-Feb	
CUP / Drouillard Place <i>Executive Director</i>	Marina Clemens Cheryl Taggart	1102 Drouillard Rd N8Y 2R2	WIN	ON	519-253-1073 519-966-8803	mclemens@drouillardplace.ca ctaggart@cupparker.ca	15-Feb	
Easter Seals Windsor <i>Regional Coordinator</i>	Susan Smith	2117 Pelissier St N8X 1N3	WIN	ON	1-289-208-1040	ssmith@easterseals.org	15-Feb	
Family Respite <i>Executive Director</i>	Chatharine Shanahan	3295 Quality Way 101A N8T 3R9	WIN	ON	519-972-9688	cshanahan@familyrespite.org	15-Feb	

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GECD <i>Director of Education</i>	Erin Kelly	451 Park St W N9A 6K1	WIN	ON	519-255-3200	director@publicboard.ca	15-Feb	
Harmony in Action <i>Executive Director</i>	Elizabeth Esposito	3335 Woodward Blvd N8W 2Y7	WIN	ON	519-252-1207	executivedirector@harmonyinaction.com	15-Feb	
Windsor Essex County Health Unit <i>Executive Director</i>	Theresa Marentette	1005 Ouellette Ave N9A 4J8	WIN	ON	519-258-2146	tmarentette@wechu.org	15-Feb	
Hotel Dieu Grace Healthcare Regional Children's Centre	Gisele Seguin/Ron Foster Dr. Mary Broge	3901 Connaught St N9C 4H4	WIN	ON	519-257-5111	rfoster@wrh.on.ca	15-Feb	
<i>John McGivney Children's Centre</i> <i>Director of Physiotherapy/Recreation</i>	Anne Girard	3945 Matchette Road N9C 4C2	WIN	ON	519-252-7281	anne.girard@jmccentre.ca	14-Feb	
Law Enforcement Torch Relay Special Olympics - WPS <i>Windsor Police Services</i>	Andrew Drouillard	150 Goyeau St N9A 6J5	WIN	ON	519-258-6111	adrouillard@police.windsor.on.ca	15-Feb	
Learning Disabilities Assn of Windsor-Essex County <i>Executive Director</i>	Mary-Ann Fuduric	647 Ouellette Ave, Suite 101 N9A 4J4	WIN	ON	519-252-7889	mfuduric@dawe.ca	15-Feb	
Multicultural Council of WE <i>Executive Director</i>	Kathleen Thomas	245 Janette Ave N9A 4Z2	WIN	ON	519-255-1127	kthomas@themcc.com	14-Feb	15-Feb
RMBC Committee-Stakeholder Funder/Committee Co-Chairs	Bill Kell/Rick Farrow		WIN	ON	519-984-2455	pkell5@cogeco.ca Rick.Farrow@farrow.com	15-Feb	
St. Clair College <i>Director, Marketing & Recruitment</i>	Ann Hetherington	2000 Talbot Road West N9A 6S4	WIN	ON	519-972-2775	ahetherington@stclaircollege.ca	15-Feb	
The Miracle League of Amherstburg	Chuck Bondy	60 Sandwich Street S	AMH	ON	519-919-4641		14-Feb	
University of Windsor <i>Exec Assistant to the President</i>	Jane Boyd	401 Sunset Blvd N9C 2J9	WIN	ON	519-253-3000x2098	jboyd@uwindsor.ca	14-Feb	

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WECD SB <i>Director of Education</i>	Terry Lyons	1325 California Ave N9B 3Y6	WIN	ON	519-253-2481	director@wecdsb.on.ca	1-Feb	15-Feb
Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership / Workforce WE <i>Executive Director</i>	Michelle Suchiu	880 North Service Road Unit 201 - N8X 3J5	WIN	ON	226-674-3220x851	msuchiu@workforcewindsoressex.com	15-Feb	
Windsor Essex Therapeutic Riding Assn <i>Executive Director</i>	Becky Mills	3323 Malden Rd N8M 2X6	Essex	ON	519-726-7682	beckymills@wetra.ca	14-Feb	15-Feb
United Way <i>CEO</i>	Lorraine Goddard	300 Giles Blvd., Unit A1 N9A 4C4	WIN	ON	519-258-0000x1188	lgoddard@weareunited.com	15-Feb	
Italian Canadian HandiCapable Association	Loris Sanson	3939 Carmichael Road N9C 0C3	WIN	ON	519-977-1209	icha@thesoccerplace.ca	20-Feb	
WindsorEssex Community Foundation <i>Executive Director</i>	Lisa Kolody	3200 Deziel Drive #511 N8W 5K8	WIN	ON	519-255-6572	lkolody@wecf.ca	20-Feb	
RMBC Fundraising Committee <i>Co-Chair</i>	Rick Farrow	6220 Westar Drive N9J 0B5	LAS	ON	519-734-0292	Rick.Farrow@farrow.com	20-Feb	
TWEPI <i>CEO</i>	Gordon Orr	333 Riverside Dr W Suite 103, N9A 7C5	WIN	ON	519-255-6530	gorr@tourismwindsoressex.com	20-Feb	
Glengarda Child & Family Services		3896 Connaught Ave	WIN	ON	519-252-7900		20-Feb	
TV Cogeco/Your TV Program Manager	Robert Scussolin	2525 Dougall Ave N8X 5A7	WIN	ON	519-972-4016	robert.scussolin@cogeco.ca	20-Feb	
Riverside Public High School Student Council	Student Council	8465 Jerome St N8S 1W8	WIN	ON	519-948-4116		15-Feb	19-Feb