

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: July 26, 2021
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Shannon Johnston, Acting Director, Financial Services
SUBJECT: White Rock Lawn Bowling Club Loan Request

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council:

1. Receive for information the corporate report dated July 26, 2021 from the Acting Director of Financial Services, titled “White Rock Lawn Bowling Club Loan Request;”
 2. Approve the Partnering & Loan Agreement and the Licence Extension Agreement with the White Rock Lawn Bowling Club substantially in the form attached as Appendix A;
 3. Provide direction to proceed with a public notice of the City’s intent to lend \$62K to the White Rock Lawn Bowling Club, in accordance with Sections 24 and 94 of the *Community Charter*; and
 4. Authorize the Mayor and Director of Corporate Administration to sign the Partnering & Loan Agreement and the Licence Extension Agreement following the expiration of the notice period.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On January 13, 2020, Staff presented a Corporate Report, titled “White Rock Lawn Bowling Club Loan Request“ attached as Appendix B, following which, Council endorsed the City entering into a partnering agreement with the White Rock Lawn Bowling Club (WRLBC), extending the license with the WRLBC and lending the WRLBC \$62K to assist in the financing of the replacement of its artificial turf. This corporate report provides the drafted Partnering & Loan Agreement and the Licence Extension Agreement, preapproved by the WRLBC, for Council’s required approval before proceeding with a public notice of the City’s intent to lend \$62K to the WRLBC.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 25 of the *Community Charter* prohibits the City from providing financial assistance to a business, subject to certain exemptions. Section 21 of the *Community Charter* permits the City to provide financial assistance once a partnering agreement is executed. Prior to the execution of an agreement, Section 24 of the legislation requires that public notice of the City’s intention to lend money to an organization must be given, pursuant to Section 94, before the assistance is provided. Council must also approve the Partnering & Loan Agreement and the Licence

Extension Agreement with the WRLBC before public notice of the City's intent to lend \$62K to the WRLBC is undertaken. Once the public notice period is completed both agreements need to be executed and the City must approve all plans before construction proceeds and the funds are released to the WRLBC.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The WRLBC has agreed to reimburse the City for its associated legal and advertisement costs, estimated to be \$3K to \$5K.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Communications staff will assist with advertisements being placed in the Peace Arch News for two (2) consecutive weeks immediately following Council's approval of the two (2) agreements.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS

Engineering and Municipal Operations will need to review and approve the WRLBC's design and construction documents before construction proceeds.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Not applicable.

OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES

The following option is available for Council's consideration:

1. Following review of the agreements, direct staff to make further revisions to the agreements for WRLBC's consideration and approval which is necessary before proceeding with a public notice.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council approve the attached agreements substantially in the form attached in Appendix A and direct staff to proceed with the public notice.

Respectfully submitted,



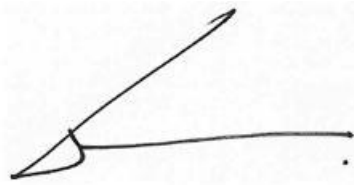
Shannon Johnston
Acting Director, Financial Services

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Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

I concur with the recommendations of this corporate report.

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Guillermo Ferrero

Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: WRLBC Partnering and Loan Agreement

Appendix B: White Rock Lawn Bowling Club Loan Request Corporate Report dated
January 13, 2020.