CITY OF HAMILTON

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT Financial Planning & Policy Division

TO: Chair and Members Audit, Finance and Administration Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: WARDS 12 and 13		
COMMITTEE DATE: March 25, 2013			
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Provincial Contribution Agreements for Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre Expansion and JL Grightmire Arena Renovations (FCS13038) (Wards 12 and 13)			
SUBMITTED BY: Mike Zegarac Acting General Manager Finance & Corporate Services SIGNATURE:	PREPARED BY: Adam Smith (905) 546-2424 ext. 1434		

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, Contribution Agreements with the Province of Ontario for funding to be used towards the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre Expansion and JL Grightmire Arena Renovations, with content acceptable to the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (b) That the budget for the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre Expansion (project 7101354104) be increased by \$250,000, to be funded from the Provincial contribution;
- (c) That the budget for Program Arena Retrofits (project 7101354536) be increased by \$250,000, to be funded from the Provincial contribution.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On January 31, 2013, Council approved making a request to the Province of Ontario (Province) for funding in the amount of \$250,000 towards the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre Expansion project to cover costs outside of the scope covered by the Federal Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund (CIIF) funding.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) has advised that this funding request has been approved, along with funding of \$250,000, towards the JL Grightmire Arena Renovation project. The Province requires that Contribution Agreements be executed by March 28, 2013, in order to receive the approved funding.

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to enter into the Contribution Agreements for this provincial funding.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable.

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (for Recommendation(s) only)

Financial: Funding for the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre Expansion will allow for an increased scope of work, including an entrance canopy, kitchen addition, office renovation, courtyard terrace, pergola and walkways to be completed, at the same time, as the original project scope.

Funding for the JL Grightmire Arena Renovations may reduce future funding required for the completion of the JL Grightmire Arena Renovations (projected block funding of \$2,000,000 in 2014).

Staffing: None.

Legal: Contribution Agreements are required in order to receive the Provincial Funding. Failure to comply with the Contribution Agreement could result in loss of funding.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

In August 2012, Council approved applications for funding under the CIIF program for 18 projects. Included in those 18 projects, were both the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre Expansion and JL Grightmire Arena Renovations. The Ancaster Senior

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Achievement Centre Expansion was one of two projects approved for CIIF funding by the Federal Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

Following approval of CIIF funding, an expanded scope of work was identified at the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre, resulting in additional funding being required. Council approved making a request to the Province to provide \$250,000 in funding for this expanded scope of work.

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POLICY IMPLICATIONS/LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS		
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None.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Not Applicable.

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

(include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data, if applicable)

The Provincial funding will allow the additional scope of work identified at the Ancaster Senior Achievement Centre to be completed, at the same time, as the expansion project approved through the CIIF program. Completing the entire scope, at once, would minimize the disruption at the centre.

The Provincial funding of the JL Grightmire Arena may allow the Recreation Division to reduce future funding required to complete the JL Grightmire Arena Renovations as the project is cash-flowed over two years (projected Block funding of \$2,000,000 in 2014).

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

(include Financial, Staffing, Legal and Policy Implications and pros and cons for each alternative)

Not Applicable.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2012 – 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN:

Strategic Priority #1

A Prosperous & Healthy Community

WE enhance our image, economy and well-being by demonstrating that Hamilton is a great place to live, work, play and learn.

Strategic Objective

1.2 Continue to prioritize capital infrastructure projects to support managed growth and optimize community benefit.

1.5 Support the development and implementation of neighbourhood and City wide strategies that will improve the health and well-being of residents.

1.6 Enhance Overall Sustainability (financial, economic, social and environmental).

Strategic Priority #3

Leadership & Governance

WE work together to ensure we are a government that is respectful towards each other and that the community has confidence and trust in.

Strategic Objective

3.1 Engage in a range of inter-governmental relations (IGR) work that will advance partnerships and projects that benefit the City of Hamilton.

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

None.