



Staff Report

Community Services

Report To:	Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 28, 2026
Report Number:	CS.26.050
Title:	Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Moreau Park
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.26.050, entitled “Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Moreau Park”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to submit an application to the Province of Ontario’s Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) for eligible elements of the Moreau Park Revitalization Project.

B. Relationship to Strategic Plan

This report advances Corporate Strategic Plan Objective 2.3, “Continue to create opportunities for active living, leisure, and community building,” and Initiative 2.3.2, “Improve accessibility in Town facilities, public spaces and parks and recreation amenities.”

C. Executive Summary

Council endorsed a phased implementation approach for the Moreau Park Revitalization Project on July 13, 2026, with Phase 2 elements to be considered through the 2027 budget process and directed staff to continue exploring grant opportunities. The Province of Ontario’s CSRIF intake is now open, with applications due December 22, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Staff recommend submitting an application for eligible Phase 1 and Phase 2 work to leverage provincial funding and reduce the Town’s future capital requirement. The application would not commit the Town to construction or a municipal contribution for phase 2; any grant agreement, final scope, and matching-fund requirement would be returned to Council for approval.

D. Public Engagement

The Moreau Park Revitalization Project has been informed by extensive community engagement, including an initial 2023 survey that received more than 760 responses, a February 19, 2026 Design Open House, and 2026 online surveys on the preliminary park and

skate park designs. Staff also consulted with park user groups and community organizations, including the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club, Beaver Valley Agricultural Society, Beaver Valley Athletic Association, dog park users, and the Lions Club.

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Katie Love, Acting Project Manager – Moreau & Craigleith Park Development klove@thebluemountains.ca.

E. Background

The Moreau Park Revitalization Project was initiated following a 2022 proposal from the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club under the “Kindness at Play” theme. The project addresses playground equipment renewal, a new skateboard park, paved walking paths, sensory garden and provides an opportunity to revitalize the park through a coordinated, accessible design.

Through Staff Report CS.26.042, Council endorsed the revised final concept design on July 13, 2026 and confirmed a phased implementation approach due to funding availability. Phase 1 priorities include universal washroom/concession facilities, playground renewal, central-area hardscaping and accessible paths, Moreau Diamond backstop replacement, drainage improvements, a pavilion, playground shade structure, seating/site furnishings, and safety-related measures. Council directed staff to include the basketball court, skate park renewal, secondary asphalt pathways, and additional tree planting/site improvements in Phase 2 design work, with Phase 2 implementation and funding to be considered through the 2027 budget process.

F. Analysis

The current CSRIF intake provides a timely external-funding opportunity for the Phase 1 & Phase 2 components of the Moreau Park Revitalization Project. CSRIF supports municipal sport and recreation capital projects. Municipal applicants may request provincial funding of up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs.

The final application scope will be refined to maximize eligibility and present a deliverable project within the applicable program timeline.

CSRIF applications are evaluated on community need and support, economic impact, gaps in service, operating and financial capacity, and value for money. Moreau Park is a well-used community park serving children, families, youth, organized sport users, dog walkers, and community events. The project’s completed engagement program, endorsed final concept, partnership history with the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club, and phased delivery approach position the Town to provide a well-supported application.

Options for Council consideration:

Option 1 - Direct staff to submit a CSRIF application for eligible elements (Recommended). This option advances Council's direction to pursue grant and partnership opportunities, preserves the opportunity to leverage provincial funding, and does not commit the Town to a future expenditure or construction contract.

Option 2 - Do not apply. This option would retain full flexibility for the 2027 budget process but would leave the Town responsible for identifying all funding for Phase 2 and would not advance Council's direction to explore grant opportunities.

Risks and next steps: Program funding is competitive and approval is not guaranteed. The final scope must comply with CSRIF eligibility requirements, and no eligible costs may be incurred before provincial approval. If directed, staff will confirm scope eligibility, finalize estimates and supporting documentation, submit the application by the deadline, and report back to Council on the outcome and any funding conditions.

G. Community Impacts

A successful application would support future implementation of Moreau Park improvements that respond to community-identified priorities for active recreation, accessibility, circulation, shade, and a balanced mix of programmed and open park space. Related pathways and landscaping would support safe access, park comfort, and long-term site function. Detailed design will continue to consider safety, sightlines, drainage, tree retention and planting, accessible design, and operational requirements.

H. Financial Impacts

There is no immediate budget request associated with this report. CSRIF is a cost-shared program and municipalities may request up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs. The Town's required contribution, if any, and the final Phase 2 budget are not yet approved and will be determined through detailed design, refined costing, and the 2027 budget process. The application will not use other Ontario provincial funding toward the same project costs. Any grant agreement, matching-fund requirement, or recommended use of reserves will be brought back to Council for consideration before the Town commits to Phase 2 construction.

I. RACI (Responsible, Accountable, Consulted and Informed)

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A: Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services

C: Corporate and Financial Services; Colliers Project Leaders; SHIFT Landscape Architecture

I: CAO; Moreau Park user groups and project subscribers

J. Attached

1. None

Respectfully submitted,

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