



AGENDA
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015
5:00 P.M.

- (1) CALL TO ORDER**
- (2) PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**
- (3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- (4) OPERATIONAL DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS**
 - a) Committee of the Whole discussion regarding possible projects for the Canada 150 Grant application.**
- (5) CLOSE OF MEETING**

RESOLVED that the April 27, 2015 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting be adjourned.



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ROSSLAND
REPORT TO COUNCIL

DATE: May 29, 2015

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SUBMITTED BY: Staff

SUBJECT: CANADA 150 GRANT

I. GRANT INFORMATION

Canada 150 is a key milestone in the life of this country, and provides Canadians with an opportunity to celebrate Canada's history, heritage and future by reinvesting in community infrastructure across the country, similar to the important infrastructure investments made as part of our nation's centennial celebrations in 1967 which can still be seen in communities today.

Under the theme "Giving Back to Canada", the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program will invest \$150 million over two years to support projects that will rehabilitate existing community facilities across Canada, and ensure a lasting legacy resulting from Canada 150.

Examples of the type of community infrastructure that can be supported include:

- Community centres (including legions);
- Cultural centres and museums;
- Parks, recreational trails such as fitness trails, bike paths and other types of trails;
- Libraries;
- Recreational facilities including local arenas, gymnasias, swimming pools, sports fields, tennis, basketball, volleyball or other sport-specific courts or other types of recreational facilities;
- Tourism facilities;
- Docks;
- Cenotaphs; and,
- Other existing community infrastructure for public benefit.

Examples of strong projects could include (but are not limited to):

- The addition of a spray/splash park, playground, picnic shelter, etc. to an existing park;
- Renovations to an existing recreational facility (e.g., upgrades to the floors (ice surfaces, pool surfaces and court surfaces), locker rooms, benches); and,
- Renovations to an existing cultural centre (e.g., entrance way, seating, stage and acoustic improvements).

Ineligible Projects

- Facilities primarily for use by professional sports teams;
- Facilities that are to be used primarily for commercial activities, that have private membership or are for-profit facilities in general;
- Construction of new infrastructure; and,
- Expansion of existing infrastructure beyond 30%.

Mandatory Project Criteria

- The amount of funding being requested under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program cannot exceed 50% of the total costs of a project, up to a maximum of \$500,000.
- The maximum contribution from ALL Government of Canada sources (including the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program and other sources such as the Gas Tax Fund) cannot exceed 50% of the total costs of a project.
- Be for the rehabilitation, renovation, or expansion of existing infrastructure for public use or benefit;
- The applicant must directly own the infrastructure assets, facility or land which are being renovated or have a long-term lease in place (with permission from the owner to undertake renovations);
- Be community-oriented, non-commercial in nature and open for use to the public and not limited to a private membership;
- Be materially complete by March 31, 2018.

Western Canada Preference Criteria

- Projects that will rehabilitate existing cultural and community facilities to provide long-term benefits to a community, will be viewed with pride by a community, and will leave a meaningful lasting legacy resulting from Canada 150;
- Preference will be given to projects that have confirmed funding in place for the other 50% of total project costs. Funding will only be considered confirmed or intended if written proof is provided.
- The applicant has strongly demonstrated an ability/capacity to complete the project by the fall of 2017.

Other Grant Information

In Western Canada, Western Economic Diversification will seek to notionally allocate funding evenly between two groups of projects:

- Those seeking \$0 to \$250,000 in funding from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program; and
- Those seeking \$250,000 to \$500,000 in funding from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.

Under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program projects may not begin incurring any eligible costs (that can be included in the Total Project Costs) earlier than June 17, 2015. Furthermore, any costs incurred prior to April 1, 2016 MUST be covered/reimbursed by the applicant directly or other funding partners. Costs eligible for re-imburement are those incurred and paid between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2018.

In-kind contributions are NOT eligible for reimbursement under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program and cannot be included in the total project costs.

II. POTENTIAL CITY PROJECTS

- a) Miners Hall Renovations
- b) Library Renovations
- c) EMCON/Uptown Station upgrades
- d) Museum Upgrades

a) LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

Project Description

The Rossland Library Renewal Project (RLRP) will reconfigure the interior of the Rossland library, expanding the public space and adding contemporary fixtures, furniture, signage and a new floor plan to create a dynamic learning environment that is welcoming and inspiring. While not expanding the building envelope, the new floor plan will add 400 sq ft of public space, almost tripling the popular children's area and more than doubling the space dedicated to public computers.

In the new floor plan, the entire span across the front of the library bordering the windows will become public space. Windows seats will be built around each window creating semi private nooks and hubs. The librarian's office will be relocated to the back wall with a direct line of sight to the entrance; it will be bordered by glass walls on two sides creating a transparent divider. A modern multi-level circulation desk will stretch across the front of the office, opening it to the main room, creating a central hub and information centre. A second meeting room containing a mounted screen will be created for small (4 or fewer) groups or individuals. The large meeting room will be equipped with video and audio conferencing functionality. The washrooms will be upgraded and made fully accessible to all patrons.

Shelving will be refurbished, with the addition of polished wood end caps. There will be an assortment of new seating, including comfortable living room style chairs, tall tables and stools, and traditional tables and chairs. New flooring and paint will lend a clean and modern feel. Existing lighting will be upgraded to be energy efficient and contemporary in appearance. Electrical outlets will be added and available throughout the space to ensure support of mobile devices. Several overhead digital screens will feature content promoting: library programs, popular authors, titles and topics, and events; inspiring reading, learning and imagination.

Budget

Funding Sources (confirmed)	\$116,000
Canada 150 Grant	<u>\$116,000</u>
Total Budget	<u><u>\$232,000</u></u>

Note: The estimated total construction budget is \$280,000 so if further funds can be confirmed prior to the application deadline then the Canada 150 grant request can be increased. Potential other funders include: City, Red Resort and Ferraros. The City has not yet committed any funds for the library renovations.

Project Criteria Fit

- The library interior has not changed in a meaningful way in thirty-five years. The RLRP will create a contemporary, information rich and inspiring space. The new library will be a model for modern libraries and achieve the Canada 150 stated goal of creating a "lasting legacy" that will "... be viewed with pride" by the community.
- Individuals, families, social groups, businesses, new comers and job seekers are some of the groups served by the library. Support of the RLRP will influence lives across the broad community and provide long term benefits to individuals and the community well into the future.
- Design and architectural drawings, and construction estimates are complete.

- Rossland library ranks among the top libraries in the province for Active Cardholders as a Percent of Population, indicating that the library is successful at engaging the community. Investments in the physical library space will support and grow this engagement.
- The project will renovate existing infrastructure for public use or benefit.
- The RLRP is community-oriented and non-commercial in nature. Libraries represent some of the last truly democratic spaces. Literacy, knowledge and entertainment resources are available to everyone in a welcoming and safe space.
- The project is in a ready state to complete the full requirements of the Canada 150 application process.

Note: There is a strong likelihood that the Library may apply independently, as according to the grant funder's, the current lease of 5 years is sufficient to fulfill the "long-term lease" criteria. A strong supporting letter from the City will be required. Further forthcoming discussions with library board members will confirm their approach to the grant application.

b) MINERS HALL RENOVATIONS

Project Description

The Miners Hall project will create additional community space inside the Miners Hall, significantly improve arts & performance amenities, improve building safety, and conduct preservation and restoration work on this provincially designated historic building.

The renovation and restoration has four aspects:

- 1) Building envelope upgrade and maintenance which is compatible with the heritage status of the Miners Hall to prevent deterioration of this heritage building.
- 2) Façade restoration which could include preservation of heritage windows, restoration of original roof details and restoration of the original balcony.
- 3) Entry plaza/forecourt remodelling to improve safety and drainage as well as creating an historically compatible, aesthetically pleasing entry to the Miners Hall.
- 4) Attic Level reclamation which would include creation of a performers green room, storage for props, costumes and equipment, washrooms, kitchenette and a large arts & community activity space.

Budget

Project Expenses		Project Funding/Revenue Sources		Status
Building Envelope Upgrade (excluding Façade)	327,900	City of Rossland Miners Hall Reserve to 2014	270,881	Confirmed
Heritage Restoration of Façade	69,500	City of Rossland 2015 Reserve Contribution	55,000	Confirmed
Entry Plaza	68,400	Rossland Council for Arts & Culture	10,000	Confirmed
Attic Renovation/Green Room	451,500	Heritage BC - Heritage Legacy Fund	13,000	Confirmed
Sub Total Building Renovations as per Quantity Survey	\$917,300	CBT Community Development Fund	300,000	Confirmed
Project Management	60,000	CKCA Heritage Capital	20,000	Applied & Pending
Total Project Budget	\$977,300	Canada 150 - Infrastructure Funding/other funding available to municipalities	150,000	
		Heritage Canada - Cultural Spaces	125,000	Application under development
		RDKB/ CBT Community Initiatives Program	5,000	
		NDCU/KSCU	10,000	Aware of future request
		Teck / Steelworkers	10,000	Aware of future request
		Other Community Groups or funders	8,419	
		Total	977,300	

Project Criteria Fit

- Rehabilitation & expansion of community recreation & cultural facilities and restoration of a provincially designated historical building
- 67% of funding confirmed (\$648,000 of \$970,000 budget)
- Strong alignment with Western Canada desired completion deadline of Fall 2017
- City of Rossland reserve funds already committed. No additional funds from the City required.
- All required application documentation complete and most application content already developed

- Conceptual drawings complete. Architect and consulting team in place.
- Class C Estimate (Quantity Survey) complete, Heritage assessment complete

c) EMCON/UPTOWN STATION UPGRADES

Project Description

The OCP, Schedule J, supports the use of this area as a civic space while the Skatepark Society already has a design with estimates, and have raised a significant amount of money. Although there is no specific design for other possible activities in EMCON, the site lends itself to other active recreational opportunities such as outdoor hockey, basketball, bochi, pickleball etc. The funding could be used for development of the skatepark as well as landscaping the site with the possible addition of other facilities.

The City's two standing warehouses have been identified for conversion to climbing walls, public restrooms, rain shelters and a concession stand, to appear as complimentary recreational features for community use. The city's initiative to reclaim the wetlands in nearby Jubilee Park has prompted a re-location site for the Jubilee basketball court to the EMCON/Uptown Station site. With the OCP, Schedule J, already identifying this site for improvement as a civic plaza, this grant application presents Rossland an opportunity to advance the improvement and expansion of the activities at the EMCON/Uptown Station site.

Additionally, the city has identified and designed the Washington St corridor to include a cistern to capture stormwater at the SE corner of the site to supply gravity fed irrigation for the downtown landscaping. This design was earlier submitted and reapproved by Council; the existing irrigation system can be adjusted to receive untreated water from this source.

Budget

No budget has been developed for this project yet. The skatepark has committed funds of \$140,000 so this could be used for the 50% total funding requirement, with a Canada 150 grant of \$140,000. The City will need to commit some funds for planning and design for the Uptown Station before the project can begin. These costs are ineligible for grant funding.

Project Criteria Fit

- The Uptown Station upgrades will achieve the Canada 150 stated goal of creating a "lasting legacy" that will "... be viewed with pride" by the community. It will honour the historical location of the Rossland railway station. Jubilee Park, RSS and the arena are focal points for the community so development of the Uptown Station Park will enhance and complement these facilities.
- Planning and design still need to be completed for this project but construction should still be completed prior to Fall 2017.
- The funding is specifically for upgrading an existing recreation or cultural facility. While not an existing park, EMCON/Uptown Station has been in use for various activities over the last 9 years, since the city purchased it. An outdoor skating rink is now a standard feature, while a portable skate park has appeared there during festival events.
- Preference will be given to projects that have confirmed funding in place for the other 50% of total project costs. Rossland Skatepark Society has committed funds of \$140,000.

d) ROSSLAND MUSEUM

Project Description

The Rossland Museum & Discovery Centre (RMDC) is currently working towards a Renewal Plan, which will be completed in 6 separate (and independent) phases. Phase I is to upgrade the museum's archives, visitor centre, offices, visitor services, gift shop, and lobby and provide more open space for community programming and events. Phase II is the mine experience, which is intended to be a solution to the loss, since 2010, of the on-site underground mine tours at Black Bear Mine since 2010. The mine experience would include a 15% expansion in the building.

This project will make the Rossland Museum a dynamic, vibrant year---round experience that:

- Is accessible (physically, virtually, digitally) to all;
- Innovatively interprets the authentic rich history of Rossland and region;
- Evolves and enhances the collection with a focus on digital content and an expansive web presence; and
- Becomes a more sustainable economic driver for the region.

This project would contribute to the celebration of Canada's 150th because the building was originally built as part of Centennial celebrations in 1967.

This project is to be completed in the spring of 2017 for a summer re-opening to the public.

Phase I – Entry Gallery:

A redesign of the space above the existing lobby provides an opportunity for a new entry gallery. This full-height space is already built, will be quickly and inexpensively renovated, and once the washrooms are relocated, would substantially increase the available exhibit and community programming space.

Phase II – Mine Experience:

With the closing of the mine tour, a large gap has been left in the museum's interpretation of Rossland's industrial and mining history. This is an opportunity to create an exhibit that would mimic the sensory experience of a mine in a safe and controlled manner. Notably, at the north side of the museum, there is native rock formation that will form the basis and foundation for artificial rock walls to recreate a tunnel, which can then tell the mining story through an interactive, engaging and realistic interpretation of the experience of life in the mines. Dripping water, mining sounds, and other sensory devices will be used as convincing props to the experience. Mining machinery will be displayed, and even operated, to interpret mining activities and experiences.

Budget

RMDC	\$3,000	Confirmed
Teck	\$20,000	Confirmed
Resort Municipality Initiative	\$57,000	Confirmed
Columbia Basin Trust	\$20,000	Applied
RMDC Local fundraising	\$25,000	Under development
Other grants	\$275,000	Applications under development
Canada 150 Grant	\$250,000	
Unknown	\$335,000	
Total Project Budget	\$985,000	

In order to apply for a Canada 150 grant of \$250,000, the RMDC will require more committed funds from either the City or other sources prior to the grant application deadline. Committed funds are currently \$80,000 and preference will be given to projects with 50% confirmed funding in place.

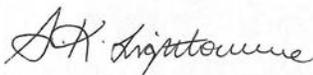
Project Criteria Fit

- The museum is an existing facility built as part of Centennial celebrations in 1967 and proposed improvements will achieve the Canada 150 stated goal of creating a "lasting legacy" that will "... be viewed with pride" by the community.
- Have existing floor plans and proposed floor plans, but engineering plans, schematic designs, and construction plans, all still required and are included within the budget. These costs are eligible for Canada 150 reimbursement, but could impact the timing of the project.
- Although scheduled for completion in 2017, the project still requires a significant amount of funding to ensure completion.
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III. GRANT MATRIX

	Miners Hall	Library	Uptown Station	Museum
BUDGET INFORMATION				
City of Rossland Confirmed Contribution	\$ 325,881	-	-	-
City of Rossland Required or potential Contribution	-	~48,000	~35,000	~170,000
Other Confirmed Funders	\$ 323,000	\$ 116,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 80,000
Total Canada 150 grant request	\$ 150,000	~116,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 250,000
Total Project Budget	\$ 975,000	\$ 280,000	?	\$ 985,000
REQUIRED CRITERIA				
Canada 150 Grant cannot exceed 50% of total project cost up to max \$500,000.	3	3	3	3
Must be for the rehabilitation, renovation, or expansion of existing infrastructure for public use or benefit.	3	3	2	3
Applicant must directly own the infrastructure assets, facility or land or have a long-term lease in place.	3	3	3	3
Must be community-oriented, non-commercial in nature and open for use to the public.	3	3	3	3
Must be materially complete by March 31, 2018.	3	3	3	2
PREFERRED CRITERIA				
Viewed with pride by a community and recognized as a lasting legacy from Canada 150.	3	3	3	3
Provide long term benefit to the community	3	3	3	3
Confirmed Funding in place for other 50% of total project costs	3	3	3	1
Detailed budget available	3	3	1	1
Demonstrated an ability/capacity to complete the project by the fall of 2017 (ie. Shovel ready)	3	3	2	1
TOTAL	30	30	26	23
RATING: 3 = Optimal fit, 2 = Good fit, 1 = Fair				

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