



**DATE:** September 25, 2020

**TO:** Chair and Members  
Southwest Community Centre and Park Task Force

**FROM:** Brian Hughes, Director Parks Services  
Vicki Armitage, Manager of Parks Services

**RE:** **Southwest Community Centre and Park Timeline and Budget Update**

---

In 2019 the City pursued funding for all three phases of the Southwest Community Centre and Park project through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Culture and Recreation Stream. In August, 2020 staff were notified that the City was unsuccessful with the grant application. The City will continue to seek external funding sources to offset project costs as opportunities may arise.

The following summary outlines the current and anticipated timelines and budget for each of the three phases of the Southwest Community Centre and Park.

**Phase 1** (north area of site)

Ball diamonds, fieldhouse, parking, playground, trails, access road

Current approved budget: \$17,825,000.

- The original budget of 11 M was augmented in 2019 (3.5M) and in 2020 (3.3M) primarily to offset the growing archeological costs of the project.
- Construction budget of 8.7M has not changed.

Note : At this time the budget is on track.

**Schedule**

- The project has been delayed due to continued archeological investigations.
- Stage 4 archeological works are anticipated to continue through 2021 with anticipated excavation works complete late 2021. Ministry (MTAC) reports and clearance are anticipated Spring 2022.
- The design and tender documents are at 97% completion.
- Tender Phase 1 is expected to be issued in the late winter /early spring of 2022.
- Construction initiated in summer 2022.
- Construction of Phase 1 is anticipated to be complete fall 2023.

**Phase 2:** (central area of site)

Sports fields, community park amenities, parking

Capital plan, 2023: \$14,012,788.

Construction estimate (2018) has been prepared based on the current plan however detailed design work has not commenced.

**Phase 3** (south area of site)

Community Centre /Library, School, parking, access

Capital plan, 2024 : \$10,906,476

Class D estimates have been prepared however detailed design work has not commenced. This phase includes a school and will require coordination with the Grand Erie District School Board. It is anticipated that the GEDSB will be the lead on the project with full participation by City staff.

Although timing of the school build has not been confirmed, the GEDSB have advised they were unsuccessful with the 2019 application to the Ministry of Education for capital funding related to the new school build/joint project. This submission targeted occupancy for the 2022-2023 school year. The GEDSB have indicated that they will reapply again in 2020 with the hopes of making a successful business case to address the continued growth in the Southwest area of Brantford.