



## CITY OF ST. ALBERT ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

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### **TITLE: CSAC RECOMMENDATION RE: DYNAMYX GYMNASTICS CLUB CAPITAL FUNDING**

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#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

On April 27, 2021, the Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) moved unanimously to provide the following recommendation to the Community Living Standing Committee for their consideration:

#### **PROPOSED MOTION(S):**

That the Community Living Standing Committee recommend to Council that the Dynamyx Gymnastics Club of St. Albert receive an additional funding allocation of \$25,000 from the 2021 Community Capital Grant Program which would increase their capital grant for their new building development project to a total of \$90,000 which is closer to the original 2020 recommendation of CSAC (\$94,815).

#### **ALIGNMENT TO PRIORITIES IN COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN**

N/A.

#### **ALIGNMENT TO LEVELS OF SERVICE DELIVERY**

Service: Management of Community Granting

Description: Provision of funding to eligible St. Albert not-for-profit organizations and residents in the areas of special events, sport and culture development, operational funding and capital renovations and development

Service Component: Community Capital Program Grant

#### **ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL DIRECTION OR MANDATORY STATUTORY PROVISION**

Council Policy C-CS-06 Community Capital Grant Program

## BACKGROUND:

The following information is provided as additional context and reference for the motion being brought forward from the Community Services Advisory Committee.

### CSAC Motion

The CSAC met on April 27, 2021 to review four Community Capital Grant applications received through the spring intake. The CSAC are recommending that all applicants receive their full grant request, which total \$74,419. The total funding available for this program in 2021 is \$279,815 which includes the budgeted amount of \$250,000 plus the \$29,815 carry over from the 2020 Community Capital Grant program.

Once the CSAC discussion specific to the 2021 Community Capital Grant allocations were complete, additional discussion continued in camera regarding potential upcoming applications and past recommendations. The following motion was made and approved by the CSAC outside of the 2021 Community Capital Grant allocation discussion: "That the Community Living Standing Committee recommend to Council that the Dynamyx Gymnastics Club of St. Albert receive an additional funding allocation of \$25,000 from the 2021 Community Capital Grant Program which would increase their capital grant for their new building development project to a total of \$90,000 which is closer to the original 2020 recommendation of CSAC (\$94,815)."

The intent of the motion from the CSAC is for Council to provide additional funding to the 2020 Community Capital Grant funding previously allocated to the Dynamyx Gymnastics Club for their facility project.

The motion of the CSAC does not align to Policy C-CS-06 Community Capital Grant Program for the following reasons:

- The Dynamyx Gymnastics Club did not apply for Community Capital grant funding in 2021 and did not request Council reconsider the funding previously approved for their facility project.
- The debate regarding funding for this capital project has already taken place by both Council and the Community Living Standing Committee with the recommendation resulting in a Community Capital grant approval of \$65,000.
- Organizations are eligible to apply for Community Capital Grant funding once every two years. Dynamyx is not eligible to apply and receive funding from this grant program until 2022.
- Organizations are ineligible to receive retroactive funding for projects.

### History

On March 30, 2020 Dynamyx Gymnastics Club submitted a funding application for a Community Capital Grant through the regular intake process. The project focused on tenant improvements at their new location and would allow for expansion of available space to conduct gymnastics and other activities in a more built-to-suit environment. In addition to offering all levels of gymnastics training, the

organization also provides programming to St. Albert school boards, GSCRAD Academy, and many inclusive programs and other local sports organizations. The grant request was for \$250,000 and the total project cost: was estimated at \$978,474.

Due to COVID-19, review of the 2020 grant applications by the CSAC did not take place until August 2020. The recommendation resulting from the CSAC review was to provide funding in the amount of \$94,815. The recommended amount would allow for all other Community Capital grant applicants to receive their full request while still providing substantial support to Dynamyx Gymnastics Club. Combined the total amount of recommended funding for the 2020 Community Capital grant program was \$250,000.

At the Community Living Standing Committee Meeting held September 14, 2020 the CSAC recommendation was discussed, resulting in a motion moving forward to Council which amended and reduced the CSAC motion to provide a Community Capital Grant to the Dynamyx Gymnastics Club by \$29,815. The amount recommended for the Dynamyx Club by the Community Living Standing Committee was \$65,000. One of the key reasons the CLSC decreased the funding amount originally recommended by the CSAC in 2020 for the Dynamyx Club was due to the uncertainty surrounding the current financial climate due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Council approved the Dynamyx Gymnastics Club for a Community Capital Grant allocation of \$65,000 on September 21, 2020. This left \$29,815 remaining in the 2020 Community Capital grant budget. As per Policy C-CS-06, unallocated funding remains in the program funding envelope for use in future years.

Dynamyx have completed their 2020 project and have submitted their final accounting related to their Community Capital Grant to Administration. According to the project financial statement provided, the organization had to prioritize and decrease the project budget.

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