



Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council File No: 8215-02
Date: May 26, 2025
From: Doug Ross, Director, Active Living Centre Project
Subject: BC Hydro Power Smart Commercial New Construction Incentive

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval to execute the agreement with BC Hydro for a grant of \$444,951 for the Active Living Centre (ALC) project through the Power Smart Commercial New Construction (CNC) Incentive Program.

Recommendation:

THAT Council authorize Administration to execute the grant agreement with BC Hydro for the Power Smart Commercial New Construction Incentive Program, provide overall grant management, and update the Active Living Centre Project budget to include the \$444,951 grant.

Background:

a. Rationale:

On February 15, 2024, the City of Vernon ALC Project applied to BC Hydro for funding through the BC Hydro Power Smart CNC Incentive Program.

On August 27, 2024, the City of Vernon received approval from BC Hydro that the identified equipment and supplies would be eligible for the program and allow the ALC to achieve a level of energy efficiency as outlined in the BC Hydro CNC Incentive Program.

On April 23, 2025, the City of Vernon received confirmation and an agreement for funding of \$444,951 through the BC Hydro CNC Incentive Program.

b. Relevant Policy/Bylaw/Resolutions/Legislative Authority:

Vernon's Climate Action Plan (CAP) aims to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions by 50% by 2030, 75% by 2040, and 100% by 2050, based on 2017 GHG levels.

At their regular meeting of December 12, 2022, Council passed the following resolution:

‘THAT Council includes as an objective for the design of the Active Living Centre that the facility be net zero ready.’

c. Council’s Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance & Organizational Excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> Livability |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation, Parks & Natural Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Vibrancy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |

d. Committee Recommendations:

N/A

Financial Implications:

The ALC Project Team has been anticipating receiving this grant and had listed the funds as an opportunity for the project. If approved by Council, the Active Living Centre Project budget will be updated to include the \$444,951 BC Hydro CNC Incentive.

Alternatives & Implications:

If Council does not approve executing this grant agreement with BC Hydro, the Active Living Centre will lose the additional funding, making it more difficult to achieve the Council objective to be net zero ready, and the Climate Action Plan GHG reduction targets.

Communication:

Administration will work in conjunction with BC Hydro regarding a public media release.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – BC Hydro CNC – Incentive Agreement

Reviewed by: Jason Blood, Director, Recreation Services
Reviewed by: Elma Hamming, Director, Finance
Reviewed by: Kevin Poole, Director, Corporate Administration
Approved by: Peter Weeber, Chief Administrative Officer