

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor & Council

From: Recreation Services

Date: February 9, 2024

Subject: Community Hall – Motorized Solar Shades

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorizes Recreation Services to purchase motorized roller shades for the Community Hall in the amount of \$30,821 plus GST from Ace Building Centre.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Hall was built in 2018 and provides a wonderful space for the community to gather. One issue that has been continually identified with the space is the lack of privacy and darkness for certain activities due to the many windows in the space. Staff have tried to use curtains in the past, but due to the height/length/weight this solution is not practical.

Based on much feedback from the public on the need for privacy/darkness and given the height of some of the windows, it was recommended that the District go with motorized shades controlled by a remote. This will assist with the changeover and make the process simplified for users that might need to adjust the setup in the middle of an activity. Staff reached out to four companies for a quote on solar shades and Ace Building Centre was the lowest bidder.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Funding for this purchase is included in the Recreation Services IT Infrastructure Upgrades project that has been previously allocated from Prior Year Surplus.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

Strong Governance and Finances

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer