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Puslinch successful in obtaining Investing in Canada Infrastructure funding for the Puslinch Community Centre Park Renovation and Upgrade and the Replacement of the Lights and Upgrading of the Washrooms at Old Morriston Park

Puslinch –The Township of Puslinch is thrilled to formally announce that the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) funding application submitted to the Federal and Provincial governments in 2019 has been approved. As a result of this funding announcement, up to \$1.66 million in Federal and Provincial funds will be available for important improvements at the Puslinch Community Centre Park in Aberfoyle as well as the Old Morriston Park. Puslinch acknowledges and sincerely thanks the Province’s and Canada’s support for these two projects.

The grants cover up to 73% of the costs through the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream of the ICIP program. The federal government will contribute a combined total of up to \$906,699 (40%) between the two Puslinch projects, while the provincial government will contribute up to \$755,507 (33%). The remaining portion will be covered by the Township and the community.

With up to \$793,449 from the federal government and up to \$661,141 from the province, the Puslinch Community Centre Park in Aberfoyle will receive a number of improvements to address the service delivery gaps noted in the Master Plan, enhance accessibility standards and address the functionality, condition and use of the park. Examples of improvements are items such as soccer field upgrades, drainage improvements, site servicing, paving, light fixtures, lighted walkway connections, benches, parking lot upgrades, tractor pull upgrades, and others.

With up to \$113,250 from the federal government and up to \$94,366 from the province, Old Morriston Park will receive upgraded washrooms and new lights.

Township staff are preparing a report for Council prior to issuing the Request for Proposal for the detailed design of these projects.

"I'm delighted that Puslinch Township is getting financial support from Federal and Provincial governments to improve the facilities at the Old Morriston Park and the Puslinch Community Centre Park in Aberfoyle" said Michael Chong, MP. "These upgrades will ensure that local residents, young and old alike, will continue to enjoy these facilities for years to come. I'd like to thank Mayor Seeley and Township Council for their work in ensuring these improvements are made."

"I want to thank the Council and Staff of the Township of Puslinch for working to improve our local recreation facilities," said Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott. "We all need to get outdoors and exercise to maintain good mental and physical health. The new soccer fields and ball diamonds will be very well used, and the accessible playground will be enjoyed by countless children. This is great news for our community."

"We're in a very fortunate situation and it's just a reflection of this entire team. Everybody's working hard and has the community in their mind," said Mayor James Seeley and Council. "Not that we don't have nice facilities now, but when this is all completed, we're going to have some very nice parks and baseball diamonds. This is something that should really be celebrated...we want to take a moment to highlight that...having these two projects, which are hugely invaluable to our community, being funded 73 per cent by this program, is a huge contribution and it'll be a huge improvement. These projects now have the funding to come to life, and that's just such a huge benefit to our entire community."

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