

Federal and Provincial Infrastructure Funding Programs

Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC)

General Committee

May 25, 2009

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Background

2009 Federal Budget Stimulus Plan

- a) Infrastructure Stimulus Fund
- b) Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC)
- c) Cultural Infrastructure
- d) Southern Ontario Development Agency

The Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario is designed to support the upgrading and renewal of recreational facilities in communities that can be completed by March 31, 2011

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Key Points

***Canada's Economic Action Plan* provides \$500 million over two years to support upgrading and renewal of recreational facilities in communities across Canada.**

- 1. The Government of Ontario has agreed to match Federal funding maximum of \$1 million per project**
- 2. Applications must be filed by May 29, 2009**
- 3. Focus on rehabilitation, repair, or new construction at an existing facility**
- 4. All costs incurred after March 31, 2011 are ineligible**
- 5. No limit to the number of applications, must be ranked in the order of priority**
- 6. Financial agreements will be signed by the Province and Municipalities**
- 7. Prior to final approval of funding, Municipality must provide proof of Council support of each approved project and the municipal contribution**

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Eligible Project Categories

- **Arenas**
- **Swimming pools**
- **Gymnasiums**
- **Sports fields**
- **Parks, fitness trails and bike paths**
- **Tennis, basketball, volleyball or other sport-specific courts**
- **Other multi-purpose facilities that have physical recreation activity as the Primary rationale**

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Project Criteria

Eligible Projects must:

- **Be for the rehabilitation or repair of existing infrastructure, including new construction that adds to or replaces existing recreational infrastructure capacity**
- **Be completed by March 31, 2011**
- **Be incremental (the project would not have occurred as proposed without support from the program)**

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Project Selection

In addition to meeting the Project Criteria, all eligible recipients will be required to provide a description of the project benefits, which may inform the evaluation and selection of projects under the RInC Program in Ontario, such benefits could include:

Rehabilitation	New Construction
Public health and safety	Public health and safety
Energy efficiency	Energy efficiency
Accessibility	Accessibility
Project readiness	Project readiness
Incrementality	Incrementality
Percentage of funding that can be spent in 2009/10	Percentage of funding that can be spent in 2009/10
Extending the life of the asset	Demonstrable need for new public infrastructure
	Replacing an existing asset that has reached the end of its useful life

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Eligible / Ineligible Costs

Eligible Costs

- Considered to be direct and necessary for the successful implementation of an eligible project

Ineligible Costs

- Costs incurred before the project approval date
- Costs incurred after March 31, 2011
- Costs relating to services delivered directly by permanent employees of the Municipality
- Costs of feasibility and planning studies
- Costs of land or any interest therein, and related costs
- Cost of leasing of equipment by the applicant
- Legal fees
- Routine maintenance costs

Previously Identified Projects

The following is a listing of the proposed projects, from the “Federal and Provincial Infrastructure Funding Programs” March 30 report to General Committee, to be considered under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada program. They have been prioritized by staff based on the project being completed by March 31, 2011

#	Project Name	Estimated Project Cost	Achievable by March 31, 2011
Eligible Projects			
1	Synthetic Field Surfacing including Indoor Facility (Saint Roberts Catholic Secondary School)	3,200,000	Y
2	Indoor Tennis Court (New) (Angus Glen Community Centre)	1,700,000	Y
3	Artificial Ice Rink (Civic Centre)	3,530,000	Y
Other Eligible Projects			
4	Sports Park	51,025,000	N
5	Milliken Mills Community Centre Expansion	10,605,000	N
6	Pathways & Trails Program	2,650,000	Y
7	East Markham Community Centre and Library	2,000,000	N

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Town of Markham make application under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada program for the following three projects:

- 1. Indoor Soccer Field – Synthetic Surface (Saint Roberts Catholic Secondary School) (\$3.2M):**
 - Replacement of an existing soccer field with an artificial turf field
 - Addition of a bubble structure to cover new artificial turf field
 - This is a joint venture project with the York Region Catholic District School Board who will be providing the land for the field
- 2. Indoor Tennis Courts (Angus Glen Community Centre) (\$1.7M):**
 - Placing a bubble over 4 tennis courts being constructed in 2009
 - Adding a clubhouse facility to support indoor tennis courts
- 3. Artificial Ice Rink – Outdoor Skating (Civic Centre) (\$3.5M):**
 - Natural ice surface (close to 42,000 sq ft in size)
 - Building to house refrigeration equipment associated with ice surface, as well as storage and dressing rooms

Next Steps

- **Council approval May 26, 2009**
- **Submit applications to Recreational Infrastructure in Canada program by May 29, 2009**