

PUBLIC BUDGET REQUEST FORM

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A. CONTACT INFORMATION

Name (or Organization): Sheena Haines on behalf of the Salmon Arm Slo Pitch League

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B. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

(If you are not an organization making a request, proceed to section "C")

1. Is the organization a charitable or non-profit organization?

Yes

No

2. Is the organization in compliance with all municipal policies, plans, bylaws and other applicable regulations (i.e. business licensing, permits and zoning)?

Yes

No - If No, please explain:

3. Describe the goal(s) or purpose(s) of the organization:

5. Has the organization received grants from the City of Salmon Arm in the last 3 years? i.e. Grant-in-Lieu, Tax Exemption, Annual

Grant
 No

Yes - If Yes, please indicate the following:

YEAR	TYPE OF GRANT	AMOUNT

6. Has additional funding for the request been secured?

No

Yes - If Yes, please indicate the following:

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT
Jim + PATTI MILLAR	\$12,000.-

7. List all Agencies to whom funding has been requested and note amount of request and status (approved, denied or pending) of application:

AGENCY	AMOUNT REQUESTED	DECISION

C. BUDGET REQUEST

(For individual and organizational requests)

9. Describe your budget request:

Value (if known): \$ 424,000

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The " parking lot and netting improvements" project would include the supply and installation of netting along both outfield fences, re-shaping/design of the parking lot, and paving. The estimated total budget for these works is \$400,000, this estimate being provided by City of Salmon Arm Engineering staff in July. The first phase of the project would be to install safety netting to protect the parking area beyond both outfields (see attached aerial image - #1). It is estimated that the cost would be about \$280/foot for this first phase, equating to approximately \$98,000. This cost includes nets & poles, engineering, freight and installation. This would significantly increase the available parking, as it would eliminate the risk of home run balls hitting vehicles beyond the outfield fences. It would also protect players, spectators, and children from home runs balls, as they walk to and from their vehicles and the washroom facilities. The second phase of the project would be to redesign the parking lot for better traffic flow and space management, as well as paving the parking area.

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We understand that this project has been identified within the 20-year infrastructure plan for the City, and we therefore request that the City identify this project as a priority and include it in the 2024 budget year, due to significant safety concerns. We would like to suggest that the City allocate a portion of the Growing Communities Fund (GCF) grant money to complete the parking lot netting and improvements project, as both park additions/maintenance/upgrades and recreation related amenities are eligible project categories for this grant. Using a portion of the GCF grant towards this project would align with City of Salmon Arm Bylaw 4582, as the Growing Communities Fund " should accelerate the delivery of capital projects" . This would allow the City to move up the timeline for the completion of this project, without having to sacrifice other projects already budgeted for the 2024 year.

The " dug-out replacement" project would consist of replacing all 4 dug-outs (2 at each diamond) with new, larger dug-outs, like those that were recently installed at both Blackburn and Klahani ball fields. The estimated total budget to replace all 4 dug-outs is approximately \$24,000. The current dug-outs at Canoe are significantly smaller than the new dug-outs at the other baseball fields, which are designed for children and youth (image attached with dimensions for comparison - #4). Due to the smaller width, the ability for adults to move in and out of the dug-outs is severely restricted, resulting in very low usage, and players end up sitting behind the dugouts where the risk of foul balls and overthrows is very high.

The Salmon Arm Slo-Pitch League has been incredibly fortunate to have two very dedicated and generous residents step up to fundraise towards continued improvements at the Canoe ball fields. Over the past 5 years, Jim and Patti Millar have collected, sorted, and recycled refundable beverage containers, to raise money for projects at the Canoe ball fields. To date, they have donated close to \$8,000 towards projects such as brand-new bases, fixing unsafe conditions at the Al Boucher memorial playground, purchasing 4 picnic tables for players and spectators to use, recycling bins and shelving for the storage sea can, a first aid kit for players, 4 pitching masks, cold packs, and even donating money towards the new batters' boxes (The Slo-Pitch League donated \$5,000 to the City of Salmon Arm towards this project as well). Jim and Patti have advised us that they will have approximately \$12,000 by the end of the fall slo-pitch season that they would like to donate to the City of Salmon Arm for these two very important safety projects at the Canoe ball fields. If the parking lot project can be undertaken using GCF grant money, the funds donated by Jim and Patti would cover close to half of the cost of the dug-out project.

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10. Is your request operational or capital in nature?

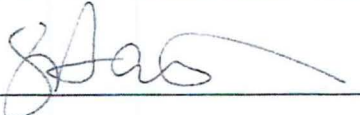
Operational (i.e. covers day-to-day activities required to deliver services)

Capital (i.e. long-term investments in infrastructure and facilitates)

11. Have you submitted this request before?

No Yes - If Yes, please indicate when:

D. AUTHORIZATION

Signature: 

Date: September 22, 2023

Printed Name: Sheena Haines

Position (if applicable): n/a

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To: Salmon Arm City Council

By email: cityhall@salmonarm.ca

Re: Specific Referral Request for 2024 Budget

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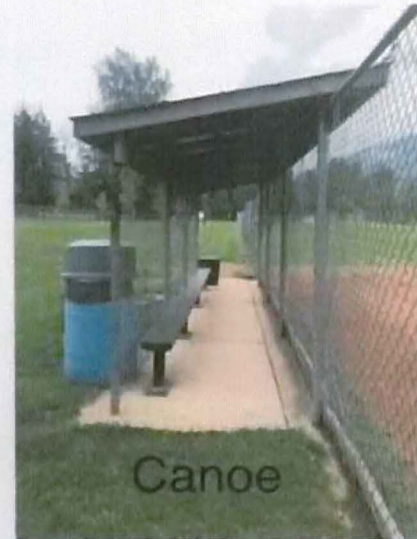
DUGOUTS



Blackburn



Klahanie



Canoe

BLACKBURN

Width 8 ft.

Length 24 ft.

Height:

Front 9 ft.

Back 7.8 ft.

Seats 18" wide

KLAHANIE

Width 7 ft.

Length 21.5 ft.

Height:

Front 10 ft.

Back 8 ft.

Seats 17" wide

CANOE

Width 4 ft.

Length 21 ft.

Height:

Front 7.2 ft.

Back 6.3 ft.

Seats 9 1/2" wide





