

## COUNCIL REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** February 18, 2025  
**Department:** Community Services  
**Report No.:** CS-2025-04  
**Submitted by:** Robert Lilbourne, Director of Community Services  
**Approved by:** Trisha McKibbin, Chief Administrative Officer

**SUBJECT:** Sports Field Lighting Update at YCP and the Welch Ball Diamond

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**RECOMMENDATION: THAT:** Report CS-2025-04 “Sports Field Lighting Upgrade at York Community Park (YCP) and the Welch Ball Diamond” be received for information, and further;

**THAT:** Council approve/deny Musco Sports Lighting to supply and install lighting and accessories for the following locations – Doug Welch Ball Diamond, YCP Soccer Field, and Ball Diamond -- for a total value of \$630,000.00 plus HST.

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of the Municipality’s commitment to providing safe and inclusive recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, Council prioritized the replacement of aging sports field lighting in the 2025 Capital Budget. The approved upgrades include new lighting for the ball diamond and remaining soccer field at York Community Park (YCP), as well as the Doug Welch Ball Diamond at the Fair Grounds Recreation Complex.

**COMMENTS:**

Staff have once again partnered with Musco Lighting for the supply and installation of poles, lighting, and accessories, ensuring consistency and high-quality sports field lighting across the Municipality.

In alignment with Section 16 of the Municipality’s Purchasing Policy on Co-Operative Purchasing, staff utilized the Canoe Procurement Group of Canada (Canoe) through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Local Authority Services (LAS).

This program streamlines the procurement process by leveraging nationwide purchasing power, reducing the time and costs associated with issuing RFPs or tenders, and providing access to a wide range of vendors across multiple categories.

**CONSULTATION:**

Supervisor of Parks and Recreational Facilities

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

\$630,000.00 will be allocated from the approved 2025 capital budget which has a value of \$655,000.00.

**ALTERNATIVE(S) TO THE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Council to provide alternate direction.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

**Local Infrastructure and Capital Investment:** Households and businesses in Strathroy-Caradoc will be supported by reliable, financially responsible, and well-maintained infrastructure networks.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None