

# GROUP APPLICATION FORM

**If you are an organization that would like to be considered for the *100 Men Who Care About South Dundas* prize:**

- Your proposal should focus on a one-time project rather than on-going operating expenses.
- The project must not be located on private property.
- You should be prepared to have at least one estimate of the cost of completing your project.
- You should have considered whether there are any impediments (bylaws etc.) that might restrict completion of the project.
- You should include a justification for the wish/need for this project.

You do not need to use this form. We are providing it simply to assist some groups in formulating information about their project.

It is here if you want to use it. If not, you are welcome to submit your proposal in any form you wish by emailing it to us.

**Your name:** Phillip Blancher

**Name of your charity, organization or project:** South Dundas Soccer

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## **Description of your proposed project:**

South Dundas Soccer is the largest youth sport organization in South Dundas with over 425 players aged 4 to 18 and has been in operation for 23 years. It is also the lowest-priced sports program in South Dundas, priced at \$40/youth. Our club philosophy that everyone has the right to play, regardless of ability. As part of our ongoing equipment upgrade program, we propose to replace two sets of the soccer goals. These goals are full-sized, permanent, 8 feet high, 24 feet wide goals and are constructed from steel.

The set of goals on the east field date to the 1980's and were given to our association when St. Cecilia school was decommissioned. The centre field's set of goals were constructed in the 1990's. Both have had repairs done in the last two years, but suffer from corrosion and stability issues. For the past two years, the east field have been used only by U10/U11 teams as they do not take the same level of physical use as older teams do. There is concern from our equipment manager that the east field needs new goals by the end of the 2019 season or the field will not be able to be used. The goals on the centre field are in slightly better shape, but have issues with anchoring to the ground.

To replace these with commercial items we are looking at \$5,000-8,000 per pair, or \$10,000-\$16,000 total. However, South Dundas Soccer will be partnering with Seaway District High School's construction trades program, similar to the partnership between North Dundas District High School and the Township of North Dundas to construct two pair of soccer goals. These goals will be placed on fields owned by the Municipality of South Dundas. These fields were constructed and improved by South Dundas Soccer through past fundraising efforts and are maintained by the soccer club. The new goals will enable the club to continue offering youth soccer. The fields are used for soccer games by neighbouring schools, and by

youth in the community for pick up games. If there is left over money from this project, due to the fluctuating cost of steel, it will go into a planned widening of the largest of three fields to a regulation 200 foot width for competitive, travelling soccer teams.

**I have been given the authority to submit this proposal on behalf on the organization.**

Yes I have

**This organization can give tax receipts for donations either directly or through another charity or municipality**

Donation would be through the municipality which would then pay the school.

**What is the estimated cost of this project?**

\$7,500

**What is the estimated date of completion if this group receives the donation?**

May 1st, 2019

**How will completion of this project directly benefit the residents of South Dundas?**

It will benefit in multiple ways:

- 1) The replacement of the goals, if chosen by the group, means a multi-year campaign for replacement will not have to be undertaken. Since 2012, our fee has been \$40/player, with any additional expenses covered through business sponsorship. We have not needed to increase our fees, which makes this program affordable for many who otherwise would not be able to play recreational or development sports.
- 2) By partnering with the municipality and the high school, this reinforces the ties between the community, South Dundas and Seaway District High School. Students at the school will work on a practical community project that will last years. With that, there is the pride in knowing they have worked on something they can see every day, and the community benefits from having soccer fields available not just for the SDSA program but for the elementary school and the community at large.
- 3) The completion of the project will finish the first of two phases of updates for the field, and allow the SDSA to begin fundraising for the next capital project two years early, which is the widening of our largest of three fields to a regular width.

**What do you know about this organization that you wish everyone knew?**

The SDSA program was begun to provide a sport that you don't need a lot of expensive equipment to play, just field to play it. A program that is inclusive of people's abilities, enables kids to develop with a sport that encourages fair play and development. And this program is run by a dedicated small core of volunteers committed to ensure that it sticks to the core values of being inclusive.

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