



Staff Report

Community Services – Parks and Trails

Report To: Committee of the Whole Meeting
Meeting Date: May 10, 2022
Report Number: CSOPS.22.048
Title: Little River Park Enhancement
Prepared by: Terry Green,
Manager of Parks and Trails

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.22.048, entitled “Little River Park Enhancement”, request for increase to budget.

AND THAT Council approve increasing the budget for the Little River Park Enhancements of \$200,000 by \$220,000 to a total of \$420,000.

B. Overview

This report is seeking Council approval to increase the budget for the Little River Park Enhancements capital budget.

C. Background

Through the 2021 Capital Budget, Council approved an enhancement project to remove the existing washrooms at Little River Park which were constructed 50 years ago and replace it with a new washroom facility which meets AODA standards. The new 624 square foot washroom building will be constructed on the same footprint as the existing with an increase of 335 square feet which will accommodate a ladies, men’s, family washroom with a mechanical/storage room. The addition of 335 square feet allows for barrier free washrooms which will meet AODA standards. The permits for a minor variance, Grey Sauble Conservation Authorities and a demolition permit have all been approved.

D. Analysis

Staff is recommending the increase in budget to construct the washroom facility at Little River Park the existing washroom facility is approximately 50 years old and does not allow for accessibility. With inflation and supply and demand of building materials a significant cost increase from our original budgeted price has occurred. The beach area and the newly renovated pier have always been a popular place to swim and are becoming even more popular destination for both residents and visitors. It is also a very popular park for residents to bring

their children to play on the playground equipment located just steps away from the washroom facility.

E. Strategic Priorities

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

The fixtures for the washrooms will all be high efficiency low consumption which will reduce the volume of water used.

Washrooms will be equipped with electric hand dryers reducing the use of paper products

Lighting for the washrooms will all be motion censored reducing electricity

G. Financial Impacts

The Town was successful in a grant application for this project, for confidentiality reasons the Town is not currently able to disclose which grant this is. The grant will cover up to 75% or \$315,000 of this project. The remaining \$105,000 will be funded from the Community Services Asset Replacement Reserve Fund.

H. In Consultation With

Ryan Gibbons Director of Community Services

Ruth Prince Director of Finance

Sam Dinsmore, Deputy Treasurer, Manager of Accounting and Budgets

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required.

However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Terry Green, Manager of Parks and Trails: tgreen@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. Attachment 1 – Little River Park Washroom Location Site Map

Respectfully submitted,

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little river washroom

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