

The Corporation of the Town of Lakeshore

Report to Council

Community & Development Services



To: Mayor & Members of Council

From: Tammie Ryall, Director, Community and Development Services
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Date: November 5, 2020

Subject: Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Five Year Capital Budget - Parks

Recommendation

Approve in principle the 5 year Capital Implementation Plan for Parks Development as presented at the November 10, 2020 Council meeting.

Background

The Lakeshore *Parks and Recreation Master Plan, A Community Connected by Parks*, was approved by Council in 2017. It establishes a hierarchy of parks and identifies enhancements to the Town of Lakeshore Park system. Extensive public engagement was part of the Master Plan process to gain understanding of the recreational needs and desires of the residents of Lakeshore.

During the October 22, 2019 meeting of Council, Administration presented a report on the draft West Beach/Marina/ and Lakeview Park Master Plan and the following motion was passed. Emphasis is added on the second and third part of the motion which deals with all parks in the municipality.

473-10-2019

1. Council direct Administration to finalize the West Beach/ Marina/ Lakeview Park Master Plan Design Brief, incorporating the following:
 - a. Provide a phasing plan to implement the capital improvements in the Design Brief over six to eight years, subject to budget deliberations and as grant funding becomes available;
 - b. Include elements of the passive concept plan for Lakeview Park and the active concept plan for West Beach, into the final Waterfront Park Master Plan Design Brief; and,
 - c. Develop a strategy to reduce the overall cost to park redevelopment.

2. **Council direct Administration to include in the Five Year Parks Action Plan strategies to balance regional park development with continued focus on advancing Community Parks, Neighbourhood Parks, and Parkettes across Lakeshore; and**
3. **Council direct Administration to develop a funding strategy that maximizes grant opportunities and leverages growth related revenue streams to fund park development throughout the Town, all as described in the report of the Chief Administrative Officer presented at the October 22, 2019 regular Council meeting.**

Carried

Further, during the June 9, 2020 Council meeting, the following motion was passed in the context of reviewing the 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan Update.

169-06-2020

Administration revise the 2019 – 2022 Strategic Plan as identified in the report entitled, 2019-2022 Strategic Plan Update, presented at the June 9, 2020 Council meeting, with the addition of a 5-Year Parks Implementation Plan as a progress indicator under Sustainable Community Development for 2020.

Carried Unanimously

Following these motions, Bezaire Partners, Urban Planners, Landscape Architects, was engaged to review the recommendations in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and make recommendations for projects to be incorporated into a five-year capital implementation plan. Administration has worked with Bezaire Partners, and the resulting report is presented as Attachment 1.

In addition, Bezaire Partners were retained to provide an orientation presentation to Council on the highlights of the Parks Master Plan recommendations, implementation status, and rationale criteria to develop the five-year park capital plan. Included as part of the Parks Master Plan review, Bezaire Partners was tasked to review demographics of the growing residential area near St. Clair Shores Park in the context of classification and standard of development for this park.

Comments

Administration recommends that the implementation of the 5 year Capital Budget be phased as indicated in Table No. 2 in the attached report (Attachment 1, Pg. 4).

Implementation of the 5 year Capital Budget plan will set out a systematic approach to park development/ redevelopment in order to implement the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and make gradual improvements to parks across the municipality. The plan is subject to be adjusted in the event of funding opportunities being realized through grants or other factors affecting priorities and lifecycle renewals.

Others Consulted

Bezaire Partners

Financial Impacts

The Five Year Capital Budget will be financed through a combination of reserve funds and grant opportunities. Funds will be used from the Playground Equipment reserve, Parks Furniture and Fixtures reserve, Trails Reserve, Community Benefit reserve and Parkland dedication funds collected from land use planning applications under the Planning Act. Funds can also be used for the various projects listed in the Development Charges Study. Administration will also continue to monitor grant opportunities to help to leverage projects.

Although there is significant investment slated for 2021 that has resulted from waiting for response on grant funding applications which did not materialize, the plan proposes moving to an investment in Parks development of \$580,000 in 2022 and gradually increasing over the subsequent years required to support the parks capital plan investments.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Report of Bezaire Partners, Urban Planners, Landscape Architects

Lakeshore Parks and Recreation Master Plan

<https://www.lakeshore.ca/en/municipal-services/resources/Documents/ParksMasterPlan.pdf>

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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