

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Operations

Roads, Parks & Facilities



To: Mayor & Members of Council
From: Jeff Wilson Division Leader – Roads, Parks & Facilities
Date: June 7, 2022
Subject: Vandalism at Lakeshore Parks – Security Enhancements

Recommendation

Approve the purchase, monitoring service and installation of surveillance equipment in three (3) parks (at washroom facility locations in Lakeview Park, Stoney Point Park and Centennial Park) in the amount of \$37,500.00 (including applicable HST) to be funded from the facilities reserve, as presented at the June 14, 2022 Council meeting.

Background

Based on past practice, Lakeshore opens all public washroom facilities within its parks on May 2, 2022 to start off the summer season early. This year, within one week of washrooms being opened, vandalism was reported at some of the facilities. By the end of May, the majority of parks had reported vandalism and a reduction in the hours of park washrooms were initiated by staff.

By the first week of June, the closure of park washrooms was necessary in order to manage, repair and control further vandalism. A summary of vandalism and associated costs has been included in the attached for information.

Parks staff is coordinating with user groups to ensure facilities are available during scheduled activities in the parks including baseball, social gatherings etc.

Some park facilities are unable to reopen at this time due to supply issues as replacement fixtures are unavailable. These will remain closed until they are operational. Portable washrooms are being placed at closed facilities that require use by the user groups.

Administration has posted media releases, asking the residents to assist in reporting destructive activities in the local parks.

Lakeshore OPP have been patrolling area parks and monitoring activities after closure (10 p.m.). Lakeshore OPP have requested additional park hour signage be posted to

assist them in enforcing park hours. Administration is arranging for the additional signage.

Our regional neighbors have reported the same occurrences, with some Municipalities moving forward with installing surveillance equipment within their Municipal Parks.

Lakeshore currently only has surveillance equipment at West Beach. River Ridge Park will be completed shortly with surveillance equipment.

Comments

To assist with reopening of park washroom facilities and keeping costs of future vandalism down, Administration is recommending the following:

1. Install surveillance equipment in three (3) park facilities that experienced the most/highest occurrence of vandalism (Lakeview Park, Stoney Point Park and Centennial Park);
2. Continue to fund and install surveillance equipment at the remaining six (6) facilities through the budget process in 2023; and
3. Replacement of damaged or broken equipment in parks facilities with vandal proof fixtures. These costs will be outlined and added to the operational budget over the next several years as replacements are required.

Financial Impacts

A summary of the costs for item 1 has been included below:

Item	Each Facility	Total Cost (including applicable HST)
Surveillance equipment in three (3) park facilities	\$12,500.00	\$37,500.00
Monthly web access per month (total cost for July to December 31, 2022)	\$20.00/month	\$360.00
Total	\$12,620.00	\$37,860.00

It is recommended that this be funded out of the facilities reserve to assist with balancing costs associated with the recent vandalism.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Summary and Estimated costs associated with Vandalism in Lakeshore parks (2022)

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Vandalism at Lakeshore Parks – Security Enhancements.docx
Attachments:	- Summary and Estimated Costs associated with Vandalism in Lakeshore Parks (2022).pdf
Final Approval Date:	Jun 9, 2022

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

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