

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Growth & Sustainability

Community Services



To: Mayor & Members of Council
From: Frank Jeney, Division Leader – Community Services
Date: May 17, 2022
Subject: St. Clair Shores Neighbourhood Park Plan – Amenities Breakdown

Recommendation

Approve Concept B (Appendix 4) as the St. Clair Shores Neighbourhood Park Concept Plan and direct Administration to proceed with detailed design and construction, as described in the report of the Division Leader – Community Services at the June 14, 2022 Council meeting.

Background

At the Regular Council meeting of March 7, 2022, Council directed the following:

81-03-2022

Defer consideration of the St. Clair Shores Neighbourhood Park Plan pending a report at the June 2022 Council meeting or earlier, in order for Administration to provide information regarding the addition of lighting, particulars regarding the pavilion and dry pond and a washroom facility.

The Council Report of March 7, 2022 (Appendix 1), outlines the following background:

On November 3rd, 2020, the Five-Year Capital Budget – Parks document was completed by Bezaire Partners. This document outlines two objectives for the St. Clair Shores Neighbourhood Park:

- 1) 2021 – Neighbourhood Park Visioning/Design St. Clair Shores Park (\$30,000)
 - a. Council Direction 506-11-2019 “That Administration be directed to include St. Clair Shores Park Plan in the 2020 Budget.”
- 2) 2022 – Neighbourhood Park Development – St. Clair Shores Park (\$250,000)

At the Regular Council Meeting of November 10th, 2020, Council approved the following resolution based on the Report to Council attachment “Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Five Year Capital Budget – Parks”:

386-11-2020

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

On December 7th, 2021, park visitors and residents of the Municipality of Lakeshore were invited to participate in a public engagement designed to gather feedback on the future design and potential amenities of St. Clair Shores Park. As part of the process, visitors and residents were given the opportunity to:

- Learn about St. Clair Shores Park, its current amenities, as well as potential new amenities guided by the Parks Master Plan.
- Provide their feedback on the future of the park using an online survey as well as during a virtual public engagement session hosted on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

Survey responses were accepted from November 30 to December 13, 2021. Alex Denonville, Team Leader Civic Engagement put together the results of the survey. (Attachment “Lakeshore - Engagement Report on SCS Park”)

The attached Concept B (Appendix – 4) plan outlines upgrades to St. Clair Shores Park that are all part of a Neighbourhood Park in Lakeshore as defined in the Lakeshore Parks Plan.

Comments

At the regular Council meeting of March 7, 2022, a report was brought to Council (Appendix 1) that recommends improvements to the St. Clair Shores Park based on the definition of a Neighbourhood Park in the Lakeshore Parks and Recreation Master Plan. (Appendix 2)

Bezaire Partners was asked to prepare a report to clarify the Additional Features as requested by Council. (Appendix 3). The report also has example images of the Additional Features.

The report suggests the following probable costs for the Additional Features

| Additional Feature | Probable Cost |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Single Unisex Washroom Facility | \$206,300 |
| Park Lighting (12 lights on poles) | \$139,000 |
| Park Shelter (Currently in Concept B) | \$56,000 |

Current Lakeshore Neighbourhood Park amenities.

*Note. Centennial Park, Maidstone Park and Ladouceur Park are all listed as Neighbourhood Parks with Sports.

| Neighbourhood Park Name | Seating | Trash / Recycling | Tables | Play Equipment | Internal Trail | Municipal Washroom Building | Pavilion | Splash Pad |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|---|----------|------------|
| St. Clair Shores Park | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| River Downs Park | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| Oakwood Park | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| Girard Park | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| Duck Creek Park | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO | NO | NO |
| Lions Park Lighthouse Cove | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO (Lighthouse Lions Club Agreement) | YES | NO |
| Shanahan Park | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES | YES (Firehall #2) | YES | NO |
| Memorial Park Woodslee | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO | NO (Decommissioned) | YES | NO |
| Staples Community Park | YES | YES | YES | YES | NO | NO | NO | NO |

Currently, Lakeshore has two Neighbourhood Parks with public washrooms, Shanahan Park (attached to the Firehall # 2) and Woodslee Memorial Park (decommissioned). Both of these washroom facilities were legacy facilities adopted by Lakeshore through amalgamation. Lakeshore’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted by Council and marked a shift in policy to ensure equitable distribution of resources throughout

parks going forward. Lakeshore, since it was incorporated, has not constructed washrooms in neighbourhood level parks.

Future Storm Water Dry Pond

A dry pond will be considered during the preliminary and detailed design stages to offer additional short duration stormwater storage to relieve the Amy Croft storage catchment area adjacent to the park. The size and stormwater storage capacity of the dry pond will be identified based on the usable area and functionality of the dry pond during drier periods.

The dry pond will be funded from the stormwater reserves.

Others Consulted

Paul Bezaire – Bezaire Partners

Financial Impacts

Should Council wish to add additional features to St. Clair Shores Park, the project cost would be increased by the probable costs as shown in this report which would exceed the \$250,000 budgeted amount. Administration will bring back funding models should Council direct that the project size and scope become increased.

The St. Clair Shores Neighborhood Park Concept Plan cost was \$8,000, taken from the \$30,000 budgeted in 2021. There is \$22,000 remaining for the Park Detailed Design, Tendering, and Build process.

The dry pond will be funded from the stormwater reserves and is separate from the budgeted amount of \$250,000.

It should be noted that the Stormwater Reserve and the reserves that provided parks funding have been identified as area's that will require significant increases in annual funding to achieve the desired outcomes of 5-to-10-year capital planning. Increases to scope of these projects will only add additional pressure to annual funding requirements.

Attachments

Appendix 1 – Council Report - St. Clair Shores Neighbourhood Park Plan - amended March 7, 2022

Appendix 2 - Lakeshore - Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Sept 2017)

Appendix 3 - St Clair Shores Park - Additional Features Report

Appendix 4 - Bezaire - St. Clair Shores Park concept B

Report Approval Details

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| Document Title: | St. Clair Shores Neighbourhood Park Plan - Additional Features.docx |
| Attachments: | - Appendix 1 - St. Clair Shores Neighbourhood Park Plan - amended March 7, 2022.pdf - Appendix 2 - Lakeshore - Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Sept 2017).pdf - Appendix 3 - St Clair Shores Park - Additional Features Report.pdf - Appendix 4 - Bezaire - St. Clair Shores Park concept B.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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