

To: COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 11/28/2023

Subject: 23-029-IFS Lions Club Donation to Sault Park Playground

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File No.: 011

Wards Affected: Ward 2

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Report 23-029-IFS Lions Club Donation to Sault Park Playground be received;
AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a donation agreement to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purpose

To recognize a donation from the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club for the purpose of adding a playground to Sault Park.

Key Findings

A donation from the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club is offered to support the construction of a new playground at Sault Park.

Financial Implications

The installation of an additional playground in Sault Park is identified within the 2024 Capital Budget submission and is identified as project number A/01446-40 at an estimated cost of \$217,800. This project includes a pathway from the parking lot to the playground, benches, trees, excavation of soils and construction of a playground area with a standard playground surface as well as play structures.

The donation from the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club of \$30,000 will offset the tax funding required to construct this new playground. Operating impacts to maintain the new playground are estimated to be \$13,500.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

☒ Strategic Action

Objective(s): GREEN SPACES - Protect, enhance and steward our parks, green spaces and environmental areas

Strategic Action: Create and activate spaces that offer things for people to do

The addition of a playground to this park supports an ongoing request from residents to increase the capacity of playground equipment in this area. The existing playground is very heavily used.

BACKGROUND:

Sault Park is a Neighbourhood park having one very heavily used play structure, one baseball diamond, a small soccer field, and an area used for fitness activities. The park also contains a larger wooded area which separates the playground from the remainder of the park and a large residential population to the east of the park.

A request for an additional playground on the east side of the park has been made from area residents for a number of years.

Pre-pandemic, the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club held several Dog Guide Walks at Sault Park to raise funds for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Program. Through those events, participants identified an opportunity to raise funds to help the City add an additional playground in this area. Through the Lions TV Bingo program, \$30,000 was raised for this purpose.

ANALYSIS:

The east side of Sault Park is a suitable location for a playground to service the residential population on the east side of this park and can alleviate the heavy demand and use of the existing playground on the west side of Sault Park.

A new playground project has been submitted through the 2024 Capital Budget process and is identified as project number A/01446-40.

EXISTING POLICY / BY-LAW(S):

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost of a new playground on the east side of the park is \$217,800. With a \$30,000 contribution from Cambridge Highlands Lions Club, the remaining \$187,800 will be funded from the Capital Works Reserve Fund and identified in the 2024 capital budget submission.

Operating impacts to maintain the new playground are estimated to result in an impact of \$13,500 to the tax levy.

PUBLIC VALUE:

Collaboration:

We are pleased to work with the Cambridge Lions Club to help provide additional park amenities to Sault Park.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE INPUT:

Advisory Committees Consulted:

Not Applicable

PUBLIC INPUT:

Posted publicly as part of the report process.

INTERNAL / EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:

There was no internal/external consultation undertaken.

CONCLUSION:

The donation from the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club is a welcome contribution to help fund the installation of additional amenities in Sault Park.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: **Yes**

By-law: **No**

Budget Amendment: **No**

Policy: **No**

APPROVALS:

This report has gone through the appropriate workflow and has been reviewed and or approved by the following as required:

Director

Deputy City Manager

Chief Financial Officer

City Solicitor

City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A