



Warwick Township – Report/Memo

TO: Warwick Township Council

CC: Ron Van Horne – CAO

FROM: Ryan Chamney - Manager of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT: Centennial Park Revitalization Plan and Concepts

Report Number: P&R-1-25

Date to Committee/Council: January 13, 2025

In Camera: NO

Related to: Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Recommendation:

THAT Council endorse the Centennial Park Revitalization and high-level Concept Plans as a guiding document for park development with the understanding that future investments would require approval and budget consideration.

Background

As previously indicated, Staff have been preparing a high-level Centennial Park Revitalization and Concept Plan for the Centennial Park outdoor space. The Centennial Park Revitalization Plan will serve as a high-level living document and dynamic short/long term plan that includes concept designs and key recommendations that would be adjusted as community expectations dictate, address legislative requirements, and adjust based on Council direction and shifting priorities.

All capital projects and key initiatives will be advanced to Council for consideration and approval to proceed at Budget Deliberations meetings held annually.

At the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting held on November 20th, 2024, the following motion was moved and carried;

THAT the Parks and Recreation Committee hereby supports in principle the Centennial Park Masterplan and Concepts, noting that any significant capital projects be advanced to Council through annual budget deliberations meetings.

Discussion

The purpose of this initiative is to support the community by identifying opportunities to further enhance the park space and develop a community plan with priorities for capital investment. This plan includes implementable action items to guide decision making for ongoing improvements.



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Planning Process:

Developed with input from community, the planning process included a 2023 Fall Centennial Park public survey, and key stakeholder meetings that identified key priorities and areas for improvement and revitalization. The Public Consultation and Survey conducted during the development of the 2021 Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Culture plan was also reviewed and has informed this planning document.

Furthermore, the planning process included discussions with Parks and Recreation internal staff team and the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Through this process, the committee has reviewed and proposed alternatives to re-purposing the BMX Bike area and will be discussed further through the 2025 Budget Deliberation process.

It is important to note, ongoing community engagement will be facilitated, and stakeholders will have opportunities to provide input throughout specific planning and implementation phases as necessary

Draft Concept Plans:

Park Concepts were completed for the overall park facilities and key focus areas in conjunction with Park N Play – Park Planners to gain an understanding of anticipated and appropriate facilities needs and requirements. Preliminary concepts, costings and replacement options were developed in part by Park N Play Design and will be updated and considered throughout the development and approval process.

Key focus areas included are Playground and Splash Pads; Open Aired Community Stage; Naturalized and Community Gardens; Park Shelters, Amenities and Furniture; BMX Bike Parks & All Wheels Park and Connectivity – Trails & Pathways.

Relation to Strategic Plan / Other Plans

Major Initiatives and Projects identified in this plan have been previously identified in the 2021 Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Culture Masterplan and were outcomes of the previously conducted Public Surveys.

Financial Implications

An endorsed plan would serve as a map for securing external funding / partnerships.

Attachments

A - Centennial Park Revitalization Plan and Concepts

B - Centennial Park Revitalization Concepts and Equipment & Product Options