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**Date:** July 17, 2018  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**Author:** Tim Del Greco, Manager of Municipal Services  
**RE:** Lions Park Master Plan for Development  
**Report No.:** MS 2018 - 29

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#### **AIM**

To seek approval of a master plan for future development of Lions Park.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Lions Park is active parkland located at 21 Mill Street West. The park itself is mainly green space with an older asphalt basketball court. Adjacent to the park is a community garden operated by ACCESS, followed by Lions Hall and an area for parking. Appendix A of this report contains a map of Lions Park for your reference.

This property is accessible via Town owned land which extends through the current parking lot of the Epworth United Church located at 56 Division Street South. However in the current state, this land is occupied by fencing, parking spaces allocated for the United Church, as well as a pad mount electrical transformer. As a result, vehicles are currently travelling across land owned by the United Church to access the Lions Park property. Appendix B of this report contains a map of this area for your reference. To date, the relationship between the Town and Church has been amicable as it seems there is benefit to both parties with maintaining the current layout.

Over the past several years, the Parks Recreation Arts and Culture Committee (PRAC) has discussed possibilities for rehabilitation of Lions Park. These discussions ultimately led to Council approved funding in 2017 for the procurement of architectural services to facilitate the creation of a master plan for future development. Through the tendering process, Ron Koudys Landscape Architects was selected as the successful bidder for this service.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Following the appointment of Ron Koudys and consultation with PRAC, Kingsville Administration, and with reference to the Kingsville Parks Master Plan, four initial concept drawings were created. The drawings were circulated to residents through online media

as well as a public open house for feedback. Based upon this feedback, a final concept drawing was created and once again presented to the public (attached in Appendix C).

It was evident through the feedback collected that both pickleball and basketball are amenities with a higher level of demand. Although initial concept drawings included both recreational assets, pickleball was ultimately removed from the final plan. Typically community parks are not ideal locations for large scale sport facilities as they often require ample space, parking, lighting, washroom stations, as well as setback from residential areas. Therefore, the recommendation is to select the arena grounds as the preferred location for any future pickleball development. A concept drawing as created by Ron Koudys detailing this recommendation is attached in Appendix D.

Aside from pickleball and basketball, public feedback was generally positive with respect to the other proposed amenities. The majority of responses suggested that the public was both interested and satisfied to see plans for rehabilitation moving forward.

### **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Improve recreational and cultural facilities and opportunities within the Town of Kingsville.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

\$66,500 is allocated in the 2018 Municipal Budget for preliminary site servicing and construction of Lions Park pending the approval of a final master plan. Appendix E of this report is a cost of construction estimate as prepared by Ron Koudys for full construction of all amenities within the proposed master plan.

### **CONSULTATIONS**

Ron Koudys Landscape Architects Inc.  
Kingsville Administration  
Kingsville Residents

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse the drawing as attached in Appendix C as the final master plan for future development of Lions Park and consider costs of construction during 2019 Municipal Budget deliberations.

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