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Date: September 24, 2018
To: Mayor and Council
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RE: Next Steps for Cottam Revitalization Plan
Report No.: MS 2018 - 36

AIM

To provide Council the budget and recommendation regarding the short-term strategy for Cottam Rotary Park.

BACKGROUND

518-2018

That Council adopts the Cottam Revitalization Plan, directs that the recommended projects within the Plan be incorporated within the annual budget deliberation process.

Cottam has been identified as a community that would benefit from the development of a long-term strategy for the revitalization of the area, specifically Rotary Park and Ridgeview Park.

In 2018, a public engagement process with Cottam residents and businesses took place and the following were key elements to the process:

- The Cottam Revitalization Committee
- An Online Survey
- A Public Information Session

The Cottam Revitalization Plan (CIP) establishes an overview of infrastructure improvements and preferred amenities to beautify and increase usability of Rotary Park and Ridgeview Park.

Recommendations from this plan suggest the following short-term to long-term improvements:

Rotary Park

Short Term 1-5 Years	Medium Term 6-10 Years	Long Term 11-15 Years
Improved Lighting	Improved Furniture	Improved Garden Space
Improved Picnic Area	Playground Equipment	Event Space Walking Path

Ridgeview Park

Short Term 1-5 Years	Medium Term 6-10 Years	Long Term 11-15 Years
Improved Park Lighting	Walking Trail	Pickleball Courts
Soccer and Baseball Field Improvements		Playground Equipment

DISCUSSION

The next steps for the Cottam Revitalization Plan is to focus on short-term improvements pertaining to Cottam Rotary Park that could be completed in 2018.

New fabricated Christmas light displays will be purchased for the Park that have been identified in the planning process. Additional services such as electrical supply will be required to support the illuminated features.

The budget for these 2018 improvements has been established at \$20,000.

In addition, improvements to park lighting and the existing picnic tables are currently underway to satisfy and complete the improvement items for 2018.

As identified in the CIP, the proposed short-term plan and budget for Rotary Park is as follows:

Year	Item	Proposed Budget
2019	Outdoor Furniture, Rehabilitation to Gazebo, Additional Christmas Displays	\$40,000.00
2020	Additional Christmas Displays	\$10,000.00
2021	New Playground Equipment	\$65,000.00

The items described in the years of 2019 through 2021 as improvements to the Rotary Park will be discussed through the annual budget process as capital items.

As for Ridgeview Park, the short-term plan items are currently being reviewed to develop a proposed budget for the improvements which will be incorporated into the 2019 budget as a capital item.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Pending approval of this report, the budget amount of \$20,000.00 for new displays and services is to be reallocated from the Downtown Revitalization Grant Funding Program, which was awarded to the Town of Kingsville in 2018.

Identified improvements for each upcoming year to Rotary Park will be requested through the annual capital budget review process.

CONSULTATIONS

Municipal Services
Kingsville Administration
Cottam Revitalization Committee

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the budget amount of \$20,000 for new displays and services for Rotary Park to be reallocated from the Downtown Revitalization Grant Funding Program in 2018 and,

To incorporate the remaining short-term plan items as identified through the Cottam Revitalization Plan into the annual budget process for Council consideration.

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