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To: Mayor and Council

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RE: Mettawas Park Master Plan for Development

Report No.: MS 2019-53

AIM

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

BACKGROUND

Mettawas Park is situated on the North Shore of Lake Erie and is a passive parkland located at 85 Park Street. The park itself possesses over four (4) acres of total area and is currently mainly green space with a beach front which also includes an outdoor pavilion and garden area merged with a gravel parking lot area allocated for visitors of the park. Appendix A of this report contains a map of Mettawas Park for reference.

This property has played a distinguished role in Kingsville's history dating back to 1891 when Hiram Walker and Son owned the property and constructed the Mettawas Hotel that stood majestically along the shore beckoning residents and visitors to Kingsville's lakefront.

Over the past several years, the Parks Recreation Arts and Culture Committee (PRAC) and the Mettawas Fundraising Committee has discussed possibilities for the development of Mettawas Park. These discussions ultimately led to Council approved funding in 2018 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.

In 2015, the Mettawas Park Fundraising Committee was established to collaborate funding initiatives towards the future development of the park through supporting events and activities within the Town.

DISCUSSION

Following the appointment of Ron Koudys and consultation with the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Arts (PRAC) Committee, Kingsville Administration, and with reference to the Kingsville Parks Master Plan, three (3) initial concept drawings were developed.

A public open house was held on July 10th, 2019 at the Kingsville Arena where the three (3) concept drawings were presented to the public. Feedback forms were made available for respondents to indicate which concept they preferred most, which they preferred least, and why, and to provide additional thoughts pertaining to the amenities and park characteristics they preferred including the location for a splash pad and playground within the site. Concept plans and a feedback survey were also made available digitally on the Town's website.

Based upon the feedback collected, it was evident that Concept A – 'Landscape Gardens' was the most popular preference amongst the public and administration, therefore, a final concept drawing was developed in reference of the selected design.

Modifications were made to the initial concept drawing to include amenities that received positive responses as most preferred and important from the community along with repositioning infrastructure within the current property limits.

Appendix B of this report is the master plan presentation of Mettawas Park that reveals the final master plan drawing, survey results from respondents, drawings of three (3) phases and cost of construction estimates, and financial impacts.

The overall master plan concentrates on producing naturalized characteristics within the features of the park including the playground equipment and splash pad area that will formally resemble the intended landscape concept.

General feedback was positive with respect to the overall master plan and the proposed amenities. Responses indicate that the public is interested and satisfied to see plans for development moving forward.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

\$450,000 is proposed in the 2020 Capital Budget for the servicing and asphalt paving of the upper parking lot area of Mettawas Park.

Appendix B of this report provides the cost of construction estimate for all amenities within the proposed master plan and the financial implications.

CONSULTATIONS

Ron Koudys Landscape Architects Inc.
Kingsville Administration

Kingsville Residents
PRAC Committee

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the drawing as attached in Appendix B as the final master plan for future development of Mettawas Park and consider costs of construction during 2020 Municipal Budget deliberations and in upcoming years.

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