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RE: Monthly Updates/Information for PRAC

Summary:

All municipal facilities remain closed while some recreational amenities have re-opened with adhering to the COVID-19 safety guidelines including Sports Fields, Tennis Courts, Marina/Boat Launch, Outdoor Shelters and the Dog Park.

Procedural strategies have been developed to safely perform enhanced services, in terms of cleaning and disinfecting, of the amenities and spaces that remain suspended to ensure the health and well-being of all.

Stage 2 / COVID-19 Update:

Cottam Splash Pad

Staff have been servicing the splash pad in preparation for re-opening; signage will be erected pertaining to use under COVID-19 measures. A request for the required inspection by the local health unit has been submitted and once approved, the splash pad will safely re-open to the public.

Town Beaches

Staff have prepared and groomed beaches in anticipation of re-opening and will continue to be serviced on a weekly basis.

Over-crowding of beaches, both locally and throughout surrounding municipalities, and not following provincial health guidelines or posted notices have provided growing concerns in attempt to safely re-open. The local health unit will not perform water testing this season and the Town is currently exploring suitable alternatives.

Outdoor Public Washrooms

All outdoor public washrooms are prepared to re-open with following the cleaning/disinfecting protocols recommended by the local health unit; re-opening will be in sequence with other related amenities (beaches, splash pad etc.).

Arena

a) Pickleball and Bocce Court Complex

Council approved the Pickleball Contribution Agreement on July 13th which confirms the site location on the arena grounds (northeast of Diamond #6) of the future Pickleball and Bocce Court Complex, which includes eight (8) new pickleball courts and two (2) new bocce courts. A sign will be erected on site advertising the pickleball and bocce complex.

b) Cooling Centre

The Town will offer community rooms within the Arena as cooling zone for residents beginning on July 15th throughout the summer when heat warning have been issued

c) Baseball Diamonds

Staff are currently performing feasible improvements including repairs to warning track areas and have fabricated and installed new foul poles within each fenced-in ball diamond.

Council has approved the awarding of the contract tender for the new dehumidification unit (roof top) on June 22nd to CIMCO Refrigeration. The unit has been ordered and is expected to arrive in mid-to-late October; the contractor will begin preliminary works within the upcoming weeks in preparation for the new unit.

Lakeside Park

The Lakeside Park Sanitary Twinning (WASTE-K-2019-1) has commenced and is expected to be complete mid-to-late August.

A contractor has been selected to perform the repair work to the south pedestrian bridge and currently solidifying a schedule for the work to occur. Note: This particular bridge is due to be rehabilitated in 2024 as per the Bridge Inspections Report.

Cottam Revitalization Plan

Rotary Park: Restoration of grounds is complete.

Ridgeview Park: Restoration of the tennis court surface had initially been delayed due to weather but commence on July 9th. Quotes are currently being obtained and reviewed for improvements to Baseball Diamond #2 (new dugouts, fencing and infield renovations) and expect the improvement to occur in the Fall.

Accessibility improvements are set to occur within the coming months as an additional ramp to the pavilion will be constructed along with a dedicate sidewalk entrance to the playground area.

Mettawas Park

Phase 1a (asphalt paving and servicing of the upper parking lot area) of the Mettawas Park Master Plan had been deferred.

Council approved Phase 1a-1b of the master plan design with providing the motion to explore other site possibilities for the location of a splash pad which remains in progress.

In collaboration with Public Works, the relocation of the historic range light is complete, however, the project remains in progress as structural issues have been identified which will be addressed in the Fall along with exterior renovations.

Marina

The Cedar Island Marina and Boat Launch had formally re-opened (safely) to the public on May 16th; Fueling services re-opened on May 29th. Signage of rules and safety guidelines surrounding COVID-19 have been posted throughout the respective areas along with issuing communication through social media and online outlets.

Currently investigating a resolution for hydro boxes directly affected by high water levels within the boat slips to ensure safety amongst boaters and availability of use while under the current circumstances.

Emergency repairs were completed to stabilize a dock platform due to high lake levels that allowed water to escape underneath causing erosion.

Fiber optic internet ports will be installed through Wave Direct for future use at the Boat Launch, Cedar Island Beach, Cedar Beach and Dog Park.

Lions Park / Lions Hall

Construction of Phase 1a-1b is complete with the exception of the basketball court line painting which is scheduled to occur in early-July.

The funding amount for the construction of Phase 2 of the Lions Park Development has been placed into reserves until the location for a splashpad has been determined. This particular site has been identified as a possible location for a splash pad.

Millbrook Park

The tender of the new playground equipment for Millbrook Park has been awarded to Play Power Canada which received the most votes from the surrounding residents and the design had also been vetted through Accessibility Committee. A notice has been received from the vendor that manufacturing has been delayed and indicated a lead

time of eleven (11) weeks from the time of order but confirmed the installation to occur beginning on September 8th.

Future Playground Parkquette in Ruthven

The Town has secured the additional lot adjacent to the previously secured lot that is dedicated as parkland space within the subdivision development (Queen Valley Estates).

The implementation of a new playground parkquette will be proposed for 2021. Costing and potential designs are underway.

Currently developing a survey for public input and feedback from those residing within the Ruthven community and expect to be issued in the near future.

Water Bottle Refill Stations

The water bottle refill stations (including standard fountain) at identified sites have been purchased.

A water fountain and water bottle refill station units will be installed in 2020 at the following sites:

- Lakeside Park (outdoor unit)
- Ridgeview Park (outdoor unit)
- Arena (indoor and outdoor unit)
- Grovedale (indoor unit)
- Town Hall (indoor unit)