

Splash Pad Update 2020

Purpose

This report provides Council with an update on the status of splash pad projects with capital funding commitments.

Executive Summary

Council has committed funding to splash pad development at five identified locations (Azilda, Copper Cliff, Delki Dozzi, Twin Forks and Val Caron) through previous budget allocations or Healthy Community Initiative Fund capital approval. Municipal funding was allocated to projects with the expectation that community fund-raising efforts would be undertaken to secure necessary funding to advance each of the projects.

This report provides a status update for each of the five splash pad projects and seeks approval to draw from Parks Reserve funds to advance the Azilda project in 2020 to be located at Whitewater Lake Park.

Background

At the April 3, 2017 Community Services Committee meeting Council received a report entitled "Splash Pad Update". The report noted dollars committed to splash pad development in Onaping, Capreol, Garson and at Delki Dozzi Playground as part of the 2016 Capital Budget. The report also sought direction on where to allocate \$50,000 originally assigned to seed funding for a splash pad at Bell Park as part of the 2010 Capital Budget and another \$50,000 assigned as part of the 2016 Capital Budget for a site to be determined.

By resolution, Council directed the remaining \$100,000 to be allocated to support splash pads in underserved areas identified in the Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Review, namely Azilda and Val Caron.

Since the April 3, 2017, Community Services Committee meeting, two additional projects have been funded; the development of a splash pad at Twin Forks Playground through Healthy Community Initiative funds, and seed funding was allocated for a splash pad in Copper Cliff as part of the 2018 Capital Budget.

Lopes Limited donated a third project, the Adelie Splash Pad located at Coniston Centennial Park.

The total number of operational splash pads in Greater Sudbury is fourteen (14). Locations as follows:

- Adelie Splash Pad (Coniston)
- Capreol Splash Pad

- Côté Park (Chelmsford)
- DJ Hancock Memorial Park (Sudbury)
- Garson Splash Pad
- Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre (Valley East)
- Kinsmen Sports Complex (Walden)
- Memorial Park (Sudbury)
- Morel Family Foundation Park (Sudbury)
- O'Connor Playground (Sudbury)
- Onaping Community Centre
- Ridgecrest Playground (Sudbury)
- Victory Park (Sudbury)
- Westmount Playground (Sudbury)

Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Implications

The City of Greater Sudbury Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Review (2014) called for the expansion of splash pad inventory using a 1.5-kilometre service radius within urban residential areas. The plan notes that splash pads are facilities that contribute to the City's goal of creating a healthy community providing no cost recreation opportunities for children and families. The plan noted that seven to eight new splash pads would need to be added to meet targets, including sites within Garson, Onaping/Dowling, Capreol, Sudbury (South End, Minnow Lake and Bell Park), and possibly Azilda and Val Caron.

The Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Review also includes several considerations to assist in determining locations for splash pad development:

- Splash pads should be provided in community parks that have access to washrooms, change areas and off-street parking.
- Shade and seating options are desired features at splash pad locations.
- Splash pads should be located near parking, but kept a safe distance away from streets.

Splash Pad Provision Levels

The City is currently providing 8.64 splash pads (spray pad) per 100,000 population. This compares to the average of 4.75 spray pads per 100,000 population for other MBNCanada municipalities.

Current Status

The following is an update with respect to each of the five splash pad projects with capital funding commitments:

Azilda

The Azilda Community Action Network (CAN) has been spearheading the development of a splash pad to be located at Whitewater Lake Park. The scope will include the development of a pocket park splash pad, which features a smaller footprint with an eco-activator (controller, manifold and activator all in one) at an estimated cost of \$115,000.

Citizen leisure envelope dollars were allocated in 2015 to advance recreation development in Azilda. As part of the splash pad project, \$15,327 will be used toward the Azilda (Whitewater Lake) Splash Pad.

Funding secured for this project to date includes:

Previous Capital Allocation	\$50,000
HCI Capital Funding	\$15,000
Reallocate Azilda Project Enhancement	\$15,327
Total Funding	\$80,327

The City has received cash-in-lieu funding resulting from Azilda subdivision developments in the past five years:

254 Montee Principale	\$10,770
Bayside Estates	\$25,000
Total Cash-in-Lieu Received	\$35,770

This report seeks approval from Council to draw \$35,770 from the Parks Section 50 Reserve Fund in order to advance the Whitewater Lake splash pad project in 2020. Approval of the draw of the Parks Section 50 Reserve Fund would bring total available funding for the project to \$116,097.

The project has been reviewed by the City's Sudbury Planning Application Review Team (SPART).

Copper Cliff

The Copper Cliff CAN has taken the lead on realizing a splash pad in the community. The group has identified Copper Cliff Park as the desired location for the asset. The City has a lease agreement for use of the park with Vale, the private company that owns

the land. Preliminary discussions with the landowner have occurred about the potential to build a splash pad at this location. To date, the group has raised \$2,317 towards the project in addition to the City's capital allocation of \$50,000.

Delki Dozzi

The City has been working with the Ward 1 CAN on the development of a splash pad at Delki Dozzi Park. A project budget of \$170,000 has been established based on desired size and park features. Club Montessori Sudbury has committed \$50,000, with the City receiving instalments over a three-year period once the asset is completed. Club Montessori of Sudbury has asked that upon the completion of the splash pad the asset be named Club Montessori of Sudbury Splash Pad in recognition of their contribution. By-law 2012-256 (a By-law of the City of Greater Sudbury to Adopt a Building, Property and Park Naming Policy) states that when there is a large financial support that exceeds 35% or a sizeable donation of the total capital contribution towards new or redeveloped facilities and properties, the naming of a municipal facility or property may be brought forward to Council for approval. The policy also provides for the naming of individual elements (components) within a park or facility.

Total funding secured for this project to date is as follows:

Previous Capital Allocation	\$50,000
HCI Capital Funding	\$50,000
Funding Commitment from Club Montessori	\$50,000
Total Funding	\$150,000

The project has been reviewed through the City's SPART process and geotechnical studies have been completed to determine the most appropriate location at the park. Information will be used as part of procurement documents once project funding has been secured.

Twin Forks

The Ward 8 CAN is the community group working with the City on the development of the Twin Forks Splash Pad. The park will be a pocket park with a minimum play area of 50 square metres. Funding for the project has been secured as follows:

HCI Capital Funding	\$104,000
Community Fundraising	\$11,715
Total Funding	\$115,715

A geotechnical study was completed in the summer of 2019, and the project was reviewed through the SPART process in the fall of 2019. A tender for construction was issued December 5, 2019, with a closing date of January 14, 2020.

Pending successful award of the contract, it is anticipated that the project will commence in the Spring/Summer of 2020 with official opening this year.

Val Caron

A community meeting was hosted in November 2017, to explore a skateboard park. As a result of community input, the development of a Valley East Memorial Park to be located off Main Street in Val Caron is being explored. The park would include a splash pad, skate park and playground. To date there are no other funds raised toward the project beyond the City's capital allocation of \$50,000.

Summary

The Twin Forks Splash Pad will be operational for 2020. It is anticipated that projects at Azilda (Whitewater Lake Park) and Delki Dozzi will advance in 2020, pending securing remaining funds.

Staff will continue to update the status of remaining projects with capital funding commitments (Copper Cliff and Val Caron).

As provision targets in the Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Review (2014) have been met, and provision levels of spray pads in comparison with other municipalities in Canada is exceeded, no further development of these types of assets beyond committed projects is recommended.

Next Steps

An official opening of the Twin Forks Splash Pad will be hosted in 2020 upon completion of the project.

Procurement for the development of the splash pad in Azilda (Whitewater Lake Park) will be issued upon Council's approval to draw Parks Reserve funding.

Procurement for the development of a splash pad at Delki Dozzi will be issued once remaining funding (\$20,000) has been secured.

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A By-Law of The City Of Greater Sudbury to Adopt a Building, Property and Park Naming Policy

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