

Purpose:

A municipality may require, as a condition of development, that land be conveyed to the municipality for park or other public recreational purposes. Alternatively, Council may require payment-in-lieu to the value of the land otherwise to be conveyed with rates of 2% for commercial/industrial purposes and in all other cases a rate of 5% of the land value instead of parkland development.

The City has been collecting payment-in-lieu of parkland funds for many years and has been maintaining a dedicated reserve fund to record and track the use of those funds.

Under Section 42 of the *Planning Act*, 2015, the Treasurer shall present a statement relating to Cash in Lieu of Parkland. The Treasurer's statement must include, for the preceding year:

- (a) Statements of the opening and closing balances of the special account and of the transactions relating to the account;
- (b) Statements identifying:
 - i. Any land or machinery acquired during the year with funds from the special account,
 - ii. Any buildings erected, improved or repaired during the year with funds from the special account,
 - iii. Details of the amounts spent, and
 - iv. For each asset mentioned in subclauses (i) and (ii), the manner in which any capital cost not funded from the special account was or will be funded.

Annual Financial Statement:

January 1, 2019 balance	\$887,713
Interest income earned	\$23,704
New deposits received	\$118,897
Expenses incurred	<u>\$0</u>
December 31, 2019 balance	\$1,030,314

There were no expenses funded from the Parks Obligatory Reserve Fund during 2019.

There are specific project commitments in this reserve fund as follows:

1. Val Caron Splash Pad (previously for Bell Park)	\$49,892	(Note 1)
2. Purchase of Parkland	\$10,088	(Note 2)
3. Pinecrest Gardens Phase 1	\$12,000	(Note 3)
4. Lighting on Junction Creek Waterway Park Trail	\$90,300	(Note 4)
5. Azilda Splash Pad	\$35,770	(Note 5)
6. Green Space (as per Green Space Advisory Panel)	<u>\$115,179</u>	(Note 2)
Total Commitments	\$313,229	

Note 1 – Funds were originally set aside in the 2011 Capital Budget in relation to an ACT Partnership to install a new splash park at Bell Park. However, the partnership/application for grant funding was not successful, so the funds have since been cancelled for this splash park and can be used for future projects. Community Services Committee approved that these funds be reallocated to fund the remaining splash pads (ie. Val Caron) in the parks and open space master plan.

Note 2 – In accordance with by-law 2010-158, funds from the sale of surplus parkland would be deposited in this Reserve Fund. Fifty percent of the funds from any particular sale will be directed towards acquisition of parkland based on the adopted Green Space priority list (funds available of \$115,179 at end of 2019). The other fifty percent of the funds from any particular sale will be directed towards acquisition of parkland or park development in the ward in which the sale was made (funds available of \$10,088 relates to Ward 2).

Note 3 – Represents a deposit towards developing the parkland at Pinecrest Gardens Subdivision. This deposit will be returned to the developer once conditions around developing the parkland have been fulfilled.

Note 4 – In December 2019, Council approved a business case as part of the 2020 Budget for lighting on Junction Creek Waterway Park Trail.

Note 5 – In February 2020, Council approved these funds (were received from Azilda subdivision developments in the past five years) to advance the Azilda splash pad project to be located at Whitewater Lake Park.

Conclusion:

This report is to meet annual requirements of the Planning Act to provide Council with a financial statement of this reserve fund.