

Request for Decision

Splash Pad Update

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Resolution

WHEREAS as part of the 2016 Capital Budget, Council approved one time funding of \$100,000 towards a splash pad at the Onaping Falls Community Centre and partnership funding for the purchase and installation of four (4) additional splash pads in the amount of \$50,000 per splash pad for the areas of Capreol, Garson and Delki Dozzi with the additional site to be determined, and;

WHEREAS there is an additional \$50,000 capital budget allocation to fund future splash pads originally designated for Bell Park, and;

WHEREAS the Copper Cliff Community Action Network and the Coniston Playground Association have identified splash pad projects in their respective communities and have begun fund-raising efforts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a \$50,000 budget allocation remain designated as funding for a future splash pad in Bell Park, and;

THAT the remaining \$50,000 unallocated partnership funding from the 2016 budget be held pending full fundraising of remaining funds required to build a splash pad in the priority areas of Azilda or Val Caron, or to any other area such as Coniston or Copper Cliff which reaches the fundraising target and requires the \$50,000 allocation to build a splash pad.

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Health Impact Review

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Finance Implications

As part of the 2016 Capital Budget, Council approved one time funding of \$100,000 towards a splash pad at the Onaping Falls Community Centre and to provide partnership funding for the purchase and installation of four (4) additional splash pads in the amount of \$50,000 per splash pad. The splash pads identified were for the areas of Capreol, Garson and Delki Dozzi with the additional site to be determined.

As part of the 2010 Capital Budget, \$50,000 was allocated as seed funds for a splash pad to be developed at Bell Park. The \$50,000 budget allocation remains in a capital line account to fund future splash pad costs.

Health Impact Assessment

The Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan Review (2014) notes the development of splash pads as a key contributor to the City of Greater Sudbury's goal of creating a healthy community as these facilities have no admission fees and are particularly appealing to families with young children.

Background

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 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/or Val Caron.

As part of the 2016 Capital Budget, Council approved the following budget allocations for splash pads:

- Provide one time funding of \$100,000 towards a splash pad at the Onaping Falls Community Centre.
- Provide partnership funding for the purchase and installation of four (4) additional splash pads in the amount of \$50,000 per splash pad. The splash pads identified were for the areas of Capreol, Garson and Delki Dozzi with the additional site to be determined.

Two additional splash pads were realized in 2016 as part of the DJ Hancock Memorial Park and Morel Family Foundation Park projects, satisfying target sites in the South End and Minnow Lake areas.

With the capital funds allocated in 2016, the total number of installed and committed splash pads in Greater Sudbury is fourteen (14). Locations as follows:

- Capreol (site to be determined)*
- Côté Park (Chelmsford)
- DJ Hancock Memorial Park (Sudbury - South End)
- Delki Dozzi (Sudbury)*
- Garson (site to be determined)*
- Howard Armstrong Recreation Centre (Valley East)
- Kinsmen Sports Complex (Walden)
- Memorial Park (Sudbury)
- Morel Family Foundation Park (Sudbury - Minnow Lake)
- O'Connor Playground (Sudbury)
- Onaping Community Centre (Onaping)*
- Ridegecrest Playground (Sudbury)
- Victory Park (Sudbury)
- Westmount Playground (Sudbury)

* to be constructed

Splash Pad Location Considerations

The Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan Review included 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.

Other Splash Pad Developments

Bell Park

As part of the 2010 Capital Budget, \$50,000 was allocated as seed funds for a splash pad to be developed at Bell Park. Additional funds for the project were to be raised by a local service club, but the project has not materialized. The \$50,000 budget allocation remains in a capital line account to fund future splash pad costs.

The Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan Review states the City of Greater Sudbury (City) should continue to pursue plans with partners to install a signature splash pad at Bell Park to serve local residents, City-wide residents, and those visiting the City's premier park.

Copper Cliff

The Copper Cliff Community Action Network has organized a splash pad committee and are exploring funding possibilities. Representatives from the group met with the City of Greater Sudbury in the fall of 2016 to share plans regarding their project. The group has requested that their project be considered for allocation of the \$50,000 capital budget for a splash pad towards a site to be determined. The group representing the Copper Cliff splash pad project are waiting on formal confirmation of City financial support prior to applying for private funding to complete the project.

Coniston

The Coniston Playground Association has also made preliminary plans regarding a possible splash pad to be located in Coniston Centennial Park. The group has obtained a project estimate as well as made some initial inquiries regarding water/wastewater connections to the potential site. The association has established a Splash Pad Fund and have begun fund-raising initiatives.

New splash pad development in Copper Cliff and Coniston, while not specifically noted in the Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan Review, do meet the recommended service radius of 1.5-kilometers within an urban residential area. Both projects are supported by well organized community groups who have already begun fund-raising efforts.

Next Steps

As per the Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan, it is recommended that the original \$50,000 allocation identified for a splash pad in Bell Park, remain with that project.

It is further recommended that the remaining \$50,000 partnership funding allocated during the 2016 budget process for a site to be determined be applied to the possible priority areas of Azilda or Val Caron as per the Master Plan or to any other area such as Coniston or Copper Cliff, where there is a community effort to raise the required funds to build a splash pad which requires the \$50,000 allocation to complete the project.

With splash pads at the Onaping, Delki Dozzi, Garson, Capreol, Bell Park and a site yet to be determined, the total number of developed and planned splash pads in Greater Sudbury is 16. This essentially doubles the number of splash pads since the time of the Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan Review and satisfies the action plan to build seven to eight new splash pads.

It is further recommended that a business case be developed prior to the development of any new splash pads as part of future budget deliberations for Council's review.

References:

City of Greater Sudbury Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Review, 2014 ([https://www.greatersudbury.ca/sudburyen/assets/File/Leisure%20Master%20Plan%20Review%202014\(1](https://www.greatersudbury.ca/sudburyen/assets/File/Leisure%20Master%20Plan%20Review%202014(1))

Copper Cliff Community Action Network Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/CopperCliffCAN>)

Coniston Playground Association Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/ConistonPlaygroundAssociation>)