TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability and Growth
RESOURCE STAFF: Lanie Hurdle, Director, Recreation and Leisure Services
DATE OF MEETING: 2010-03-02
SUBJECT: Concept Plan – Richardson Beach and Bath House

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As part of the overall revitalization of waterfront parks stretching from Macdonald Park to Breakwater Park along King Street West, Recreation and Leisure Services has developed a facility restoration and landscape plan for the refurbishment of internal, external and landscape components associated with Richardson Beach and the Richardson Beach Bath House facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the facility restoration and landscape plan for Richardson Beach and the Richardson Beach Bath House facility, attached as Exhibit A to report 10-084 be approved.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER**
Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**
Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

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OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:

One of the departmental priorities for Recreation and Leisure Services in 2010 is to enhance and revitalize the waterfront parks that run alongside King Street West including Macdonald Park and the Richardson Beach and Bath House west down to Breakwater Park. While staff is currently developing a concept plan for the revitalization of this vital and active strip of waterfront parkland, a design concept has been completed for the lands surrounding the Richardson Beach Bath House. The proposed plan in this report will be the first step of the broader improvements that will take place on the waterfront property. The design concept, attached as Exhibit A, includes elements that will update the serviceability and sustainability of the facility, meet new Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS) and provide greater functionality to the facility, thus enhancing the leisure experience of those who use and enjoy the beach and bath house annually.

The landscape concept includes:

- New standard 3.5 metre pathways leading to and from the facility;
- Accessible ramps at both front and rear entrances;
- Increased hard surfacing around the facility promoting ease of accessible travel;
- Addition of a terrace area including accessible picnic tables and sun shades;
- Accessible access to the waterfront;
- Accessible waterfront viewing area;
- Additional bicycle racks;
- Water zone (area in water cleared of rocks);
- New information kiosk;
- Additional accessible parking;
- Replacement of the existing knee-wall with terraced boulders;
- New tree plantings around the facility; and
- Approximate costs associated with the landscape plan: $280,000.

In addition to the abovementioned landscape changes, the Richardson Bath House facility will also see a number of repairs and retrofits that include:

- Repairs to sash style windows around the second level of the facility;
- Repair of various mortar joints;
- Replacement of damaged stones;
- Replacement of damaged woodwork – soffit, fascia, roof and hood brackets (decay and splintering);
- Concrete repairs to steps along the waterfront;
- Re-tiling of south entrance overhang/hood;
- Replacement of railings at front and rear entrances;
- Addition of lockers to the change rooms;
- Repairs to ceiling and painting of the meeting/community room on the 2nd floor;
- Door sign removal; and
- Approximate costs associated with repairs/renovation to the Bath House: $100,000.

Additionally, the Newlands Pavilion will receive upgrades that will include repairs to damaged siding and railings as well as repainting of the entire structure. The cost to perform these works will be approximately $10,000. The repairs to the bath house facility and Newlands Pavilion are for the most part lifecycle oriented and will enhance the aesthetics of the facilities. The revitalization of the landscape surrounding the Richardson Beach Bath House will greatly improve the use and enjoyment of the facility and provide a focal point to the overall Macdonald/Breakwater Park Revitalization Project. It should also be mentioned
that the restoration of the Gaskin Lion undertaken in partnership with the Ukrainian Canadian Club of Kingston will contribute to the improvement of the site.

Annual Operations

Moving forward, Recreation and Leisure Services, in coordination with Public Works, has committed to improve services at the facility. During the summer/fall of 2009, staff initiated removal of in-water large and small sized rocks along the immediate waterfront of Richardson Beach Bath House to facilitate better swimming conditions and access to deeper water for swimming. Given current prevailing winds and currents, this maintenance practice will be required on an annual basis. Commencing spring 2010, the waterfront will again receive this treatment as a means of providing adequate swimming conditions at the site for the summer season. As well, through a cost sharing program between Recreation and Leisure Services and Public Works, a student position will be created to ensure adequate daily maintenance to the Bath House and beach area as a means of improving service levels to the site.

EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:

N/A

NOTICE PROVISIONS:

Some of the Bath House repairs will be submitted to the Kingston Municipal Heritage Committee through an application for a heritage permit as required under the Ontario Heritage Act.

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

City of Kingston Facility Accessibility Design Standards will be incorporated in the detailed design of all projects listed above.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The recommended works listed in this report will be funded through the approved 2009/2010 Recreation and Leisure Services Department capital budget program. There is $400,000 in the 2009-2010 capital budget.

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EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

Exhibit A – Richardson Beach Landscape Plan
Richardson Bath House

Proposed Landscape Works 2010

New Tree

Existing Tree (based on 2004 aerial)

Picnic set-accessible option

Light Standard as part of waterfront walkway upgrades

Bike Rack

Boulders - edge and seating

Bench