



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 18-083**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services
Resource Staff: Luke Follwell, Director, Recreation & Leisure Services
Date of Meeting: April 17, 2018
Subject: Splashpad Partnership - Kingston East Community Centre

Executive Summary:

In the late fall of 2017, staff were contacted by members of the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund (PCBF) to discuss options for the addition of a medium sized splashpad to the Kingston East Community Centre project. In January 2018, staff delivered a presentation to the PCBF on the community centre project and discussed the possibility of a splash pad. An application for the project was submitted and the PCBF has approved the funding for a partnership.

The improvements associated with the Kingston East Community Centre do not currently include a splashpad in the capital plan.

Staff are recommending the addition of a splashpad with a cash contribution of \$300,000 from the PCBF.

Recommendation:

That Council approve an increase to the Kingston East Community Centre capital budget in the amount of \$300,000, to be funded from a contribution from the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund; and

That Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into a contribution agreement with the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund for the construction of a splashpad at the Kingston East Community Centre in Grenadier Park, for the funding amount of \$300,000, in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services.

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Options/Discussion:

In September 2014, staff presented site options for the Kingston East Community Centre project at a public meeting at the Gore Road Fire Hall. Public feedback was collected on the preferred site and a recommended location in Grenadier Park, at Highway 15 and Grenadier Drive, was approved by Council in March of 2015. Additional public feedback was received in the fall of 2016 regarding programs, services and facility amenities which would help shape the design concept for the new facility. Consultation and feedback received on programming and facility amenities indicated that there was interest for a splash pad for community wide use to be included as part of the project.

The City's Recreation Master Plan does not currently identify that additional splash pad facilities are required to be developed in any area of the City. In the east, there is a small sized splash pad that was recently developed in Molly McGlynn Park in the Greenwood Park subdivision. This splash pad is located internal to the neighbourhood and used primarily by local residents. There is also an older large splash pad located at the Battoche Community Centre on the Canadian Forces Base. This splash pad is open to the public at large but is located internal to the base and used primarily by residents with military affiliation.

During the 2017 budget process, City Council authorized staff to hire a designer and begin the process of developing the Kingston East Community Centre. The public consultation and design for the new community centre will be completed in 2018. As a result of the advancement of the project and associated public consultation, staff were contacted by members of the PCBF to discuss possible external funding to include a splash pad at Grenadier Park as part of the community centre construction project. The PCBF was created by the Corporation of the Township of Pittsburgh through a by-law in November of 1997. The PCBF is a legal corporate entity without share capital, legally titled as Ontario Corporation Number 1264867. Grenadier Park is the primary community park in the east and is home to sports fields, sports courts, play equipment and a skate park. The addition of a splash pad is expected to improve programming and play options for families visiting the park and future community centre. A single destination user experience and programming opportunities with the new community centre are expected to be even higher with the addition of a new splash pad in this location.

The splash pad is proposed to be medium sized, or approximately 200-250 square metres, which is similar in size to the newly developed splash pad in Woodbine Park. The scale of the proposed splash pad is appropriate, given the scale of the park, and is able to be integrated suitably into the design. High level concepts illustrating the approximate scale of the proposed medium sized splash pad are attached to this report as Exhibit A. If approved, a design similar to the concept plan for this scale of splash pad would be developed, refined and incorporated into the site plans as part the community centre design process.

By integrating a splash pad into the current community centre project, an economy of scale and resources is expected. While a splash pad could be pre-serviced as part of the community centre design and added at a later time, the costs in that scenario are expected to increase over time with market inflation and lack of construction efficiencies.

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The projected budget for the community centre project is estimated to be \$10.5 million and the funds are included in the current approved 2018 capital budget. The addition of a splash pad would be funded through a \$300,000 contribution from the PCBF.

It is expected that the Kingston East Community Centre project will be under construction in 2019 with a grand opening targeted for 2020. Staff will be completing public consultation on the design of the new facility with input from the PCBF through key milestones of the project.

Terms of the Grant

The City would have to enter into an agreement with the PCBF on the understanding and condition that the City will undertake to ensure:

- a. The development of the project was in accordance with the mutually approved general project design and timeline;
- b. The Board of the PCBF would be apprised of the progress of the project at specific milestones, to be agreed upon;
- c. The Board of the PCBF would approve the final design before construction of the project; and
- d. In exchange for the capital contribution, the PCBF would be provided meeting space at no cost in the new Kingston East Community Centre to hold their regular meetings (up to fifteen (15) occurrences) and annual general meetings (up to three (3) occurrences) per year for a period of forty (40) years.

The agreement would also include the understanding and condition that the PCBF will undertake to ensure:

- e. The payment of the funds to the City would occur at a specific date or at specific dates, to be agreed upon.

Existing Policy/By Law:

Not applicable

Notice Provisions:

Not applicable

Accessibility Considerations:

The new splash pad will comply with the City of Kingston's Facility Accessibility Design Guidelines and will be reviewed with the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee prior to construction.

Financial Considerations:

The total community centre project cost is expected to be \$10,500,000; to be expended from the 2018 council approved Recreation & Leisure Services capital budgets. An additional \$300,000

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would be funded from a non-repayable grant from the PCBF for the purpose of the splash pad construction.

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Exhibits Attached:

Exhibit A Grenadier Park Splash Pad Concept

Kingston East Community Centre and Grenadier Park Splash Pad Proposal



Proposed splash pad:
medium-sized footprint +/- 250 sq. m.
Typical features (as shown)
Final design to be determined

