

# The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

## Council Report

Report Number CS2017-004

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**Date:** January 24, 2017

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** Council Chambers

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**Ward Community Identifier:** Fenelon Falls

**Subject:** Fenelon Falls Splash Pad

**Author/Title:** Craig Shanks  
Director of Community Services

**Signature:**



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**Recommendation(s):**

**RESOLVED THAT** Report CS2017-004, "Fenelon Falls Splash Pad", be received; and,

**THAT** Council endorse in principle the concept of the development of a Splash Pad at the Garnet Graham Park site in Fenelon Falls; and,

**THAT** staff work with the local community volunteers to investigate the potential of the installation of a Splash Pad; and,

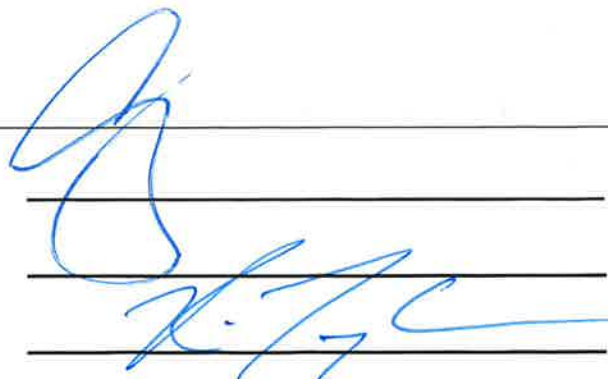
**THAT** upon completion of this investigation staff report back to Council on the selected site, the Capital Funding Source and the ongoing operating costs associated with the project and the status of any fundraising efforts of the community.

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**Department Head:**

**Corporate Services Director / Other:**

**Chief Administrative Officer:**



## **Background:**

The Community of Fenelon Falls has long been considering partnering with the City for the development and installation of a Splash Pad at the Garnet Graham Park site. This project is being spearheaded at the community level by the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee and the Fenelon Falls Rotary Club.

Staff have met with the group and a desired location has been identified in the SouthWest portion of the park directly adjacent to the old "Munchie Hut" building.

Staff have prepared this report at the request of the local Ward Councillor and the community volunteers in order to seek the approval of Council to proceed with further investigation.

## **Rationale:**

As stated, the Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee has long been considering the potential of installing a splash pad at the City owned Garnet Graham Park property. It has been highlighted by the Committee as one of their future projects to fund and provide support for development.

Currently the City of Kawartha Lakes has only two splash pads. These facilities are located within Lindsay in Elgin Park, and is rather out-dated by current standards, and a newer more modern facility in Tommy Anderson Park in Bobcaygeon. The Bobcaygeon Splash Pad was developed in much the same manner as being proposed with the Fenelon Falls project, with a local volunteer group leading the way and partnering with the City by fundraising for the required Capital costs.

Many municipalities are now creating splash pad facilities in their parks systems as a recreational amenity for the use of both residents and visitors. Splash Pads are now considered as a preferred alternative to the outdoor wading pools of the past. The concept of creating new splash pads throughout the City is something that staff fully support, but have not included in recent business plans due to budgetary concerns.

If the recommendations of this report are supported staff will work with local volunteers to review the selected site, create a design, review capital costs required (approximately \$150,000) and the future operational costs associated. The local volunteer group has indicated a commitment to raise 100% of the required capital costs and at present are only requesting Council support of this project investigation and concept. Upon completion of the investigation a staff report would be prepared for Council to request endorsement of the actual installation and commencement of the project and inclusion in a future operating budget for the operating funds required.

## **Other Alternatives Considered:**

N/A

### **Financial Considerations:**

There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendations from this report. Any future financial implications will be brought forward in a future staff report and budget deliberations for Council consideration.

It should be noted, that at this time the local volunteers are proposing that they will fundraise for the complete capital costs associated with the installation of this project, including a potential contribution of up to \$50,000 from the Powerlinks Fund. The City's responsibility will be from an operating budget perspective in future years once the Splash Pad is operational.

### **Relationship of Recommendation(s) To The 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:**

The recommendations within this report directly align with all Strategic Goals through our Value of Collaboration, namely:

- Goal 2 – An Exceptional Quality of Life

### **Review of Accessibility Implications of Any Development or Policy:**

If the development of such a facility is supported and eventually implemented, the development will ensure that accessibility standards are adhered to.

### **Servicing Comments:**

If these recommendations are supported by Council staff will work with the Planning and Engineering Departments to ensure that all required Servicing arrangements and needs are in place.

### **Consultations:**

Fenelon Falls Powerlinks Committee  
Fenelon Falls Rotary Club  
Councillor Doug Elmslie, Ward 6  
Jenn Johnson, Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture

### **Attachments:**



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Appendix A.pdf

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