



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number:	PRC2021-004
Meeting Date:	June 1, 2021
Title:	Omemee Splash Pad Update
Description:	An update on how a proposal and plan for the inclusion of a Splash Pad in Omemee would operate
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Recommendation(s):

That Report PRC2021-004, Omemee Splash Pad Update, be received; and,

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

At the Council Meeting of January 28, 2021, Council adopted the following resolution:

CR2021-015

That staff develop a plan consistent with past community partnerships for the infrastructure with costing to establish a splash pad in Omemee; and report back in Q2, 2021.

This report addresses that direction.

Rationale:

Staff have been asked to prepare a proposal for the funding of an Omemee splash pad based on new splash pads in other communities. Bobcaygeon (Tommy Anderson Park), Fenelon Falls (Garnet Graham Park) and Lindsay (Logie Park) all have relatively new splash pad amenities. Also, Lindsay has a splash pad in Elgin Park that is approximately 30 years of age and was just renovated a few years ago.

The cost for the installation of a splash pad varies greatly depending on the size and amenities contained within the pad, the landscaping surrounding it and the servicing requirements needed for hook-up. Costs can range from as little as \$150,000 to \$500,000. Staff are suggesting that for a potential Omemee splash pad a budget cost of approximately \$300,000 would be required.

The location that has been identified for this proposal, if it were to move forward, would be the northern greenspace section of the Omemee Beach Park. This location would be pending the availability of water capacity within the Omemee Drinking Water System (DWS) and would be reviewed. There is no other municipal park property suited for this proposed installation.

For both the Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls splash pad projects the community funded 100% of the splash pad installation. These costs ranged from \$200,000 - \$235,000 for the actual pad, spray features and installation. Community groups led the fundraising for these capital components and were able to access external grant opportunities (ie. Trillium), private funding and some City managed programs (Bobcaygeon CHEST, Fenelon Falls Powerlinks). The City provided the parkland space, the servicing costs and funds the annual operating budget.

Within Lindsay, the Logie Park splash pad was funded mostly by Development Charges dollars. The Elgin Park project, as an existing, older facility was in need of repair, renovation and enhancement as it was at the end of its lifecycle. It was funded via a combination for sources of a local Service Club, a Trillium Grant and City funding.

If a splash pad proposal for Omemees is determined to move forward water capacity issues in the village would need to be addressed and would come with a significant investment required. Further information can be found within the Servicing Implications section of this report.

Other Alternatives Considered:

If it proves feasible that there is servicing capacity within Omemees to support this infrastructure Council could choose to fund the entire project, or a portion of the project greater than the land and servicing components. If this is the desired direction the required funds could be included as part of the 2022 or future year's Capital Budget request for deliberation.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The recommendation within this report is in alignment with three of the strategic priorities within the 2020-2023 Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan:

1. An Exceptional Quality of Life
2. A Vibrant and Growing Economy
3. Good Government

The Strategic Plan is available on SharePoint at the following link:

[Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan 2020-2023](#)

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial implications based on the recommendations from within this report.

If the installation of an Omemees splash pad proceeds, there will be an operational budget impact for future years to a value of approximately \$25,000/year.

Staff are aware that an Omemee splash pad project would be supported by the Omemee community in principle and that many community groups, service clubs and some potential private interest would assist in funding the project. If Council were to support this project, staff will reach out to the community to firm up these commitments.

If Council chooses to fund the project in its entirety, or to a specific funding amount, those funds will be required for a future year's Capital Budget (estimated cost for 100% funding of a project would be recommended at \$300,000.00).

Servicing Implications:

Previous staff reports and Council resolutions and discussions with staff have advised that there is currently no capacity for additional water needs that would accommodate this infrastructure.

Staff Report WWW2015-011 deemed that the Omemee DWS owned by the City currently provides municipal drinking water to the residents at the west end of Omemee (Sarah Crescent and parts of Shawn Avenue / Sibley Avenue). In 2015 the City completed an Environmental Assessment which explored expansion of the DWS within Omemee. Through that process, Council resolved the following:

RESOLVED THAT Report WWW2015-011 Completion of the Omemee Water Supply Environmental Assessment, be received; THAT Council endorses the findings of the draft Environmental Assessment report and preferred solution of Do Nothing; THAT private water supply solutions be encouraged for growth in Omemee; and THAT staff be authorized to file the EA report for the legislated 30 day comment period.

CARRIED CR2015-1097

Further, Staff Report ENG2020-002 recommended that any available residual capacity within the DWS has been allocated to local development via resolution of Council (below) and as such there is no ability for the City to provide water for a splash pad in Omemee from the Municipal Drinking Water System without significant capital investment and reconsideration of the Environmental Assessment.

**RESOLVED THAT Report ENG2020-002, Water Servicing Agreement Green Eden Developments Limited, be received;
That Council agree to the provision of a permanent long water service connection in the municipal road allowance, serviced by the Victoria Glen Water Treatment Plant, to service up to 30 residential units at 40 Mary Street West, Omemee, to be constructed within the 5 year term of the Water Servicing Agreement, failing which the water servicing allocation will be rescinded;
That Green Eden Developments Ltd. enter into the Water Servicing Agreement, substantially in the form attached as Appendix A to Report ENG2020-002, with the City of Kawartha Lakes where the City will provide a permanent dedicated water service, with full cost recovery prior to commencing work to Green Eden Developments Ltd., including ongoing maintenance and repair costs that are attributable to Green Eden Developments Ltd. being borne by Green Eden Developments;
That an exemption to Section 5.03 e) of By-Law 2018-039, being a By-Law To Regulate Water and Wastewater Services in the City of Kawartha Lakes be approved by Council;
That the long water service is not qualified for additional water service connections and is not subject to By-Law 2014-255, being a By-Law Requiring Owners of Buildings to Connect Such Buildings to Drinking Water Systems and/or Wastewater Collection Systems in the City of Kawartha Lakes; and
That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any documents and agreements required by the approval of this Agreement.**

CARRIED CR2020-022

Staff will discuss further with the Public Works and Engineering Departments regarding this issue.

If a future installation of a splash pad in Omemee is deemed feasible the appropriate discussions and actions will take place from a servicing standpoint.

Consultations:

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Director, Public Works
Director, Engineering and Corporate Assets

Attachments:

N/A

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