



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number:	CS2022-03
Meeting Date:	March 8, 2022
Title:	CS2022-03 – Little Britain Pump Park
Description:	Information regarding costs for a Pump Park and consideration for Council for a future year's Capital Budget deliberation.
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Recommendation(s):

That Report **CS2022-03, Little Britain Pump Park**, 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 Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 19, 2021, Council adopted the following resolution:

CR2021-470

That the establishment of a Pump Park at the Little Britain Community Park be referred to staff for a costing review and report back by the end of Q2, 2022.

This report addresses that direction.

Rationale:

A Pump Park is a mass configuration of geometrically formed rollers, bowls and berms, allowing bikes, boards and scooters to achieve and sustain speed, using only inertia. Use of a hand built looping trail system of geometric berms and “rollers” (smooth, graduated mounds) propels users through the park. The name comes from the pumping motion created by the upper and lower body as the rider maintains speed and accelerates around the track.

An example of this facility is within Uxbridge and it was constructed for approximately \$350,000 in the summer of 2019 over a period of 6 weeks. The facility in Uxbridge is approximately 10,000 square feet (930 square metres) and has a capacity of 40-50 riders at a time and has strict guidelines/rules that must be adhered to for use. The construction of the Uxbridge Pump Park from concept to completion was 10 years.

The funding for the Uxbridge projects was as follows;

Municipality	\$75,000
Uxbridge Rotary Club	\$75,000
Uxbridge Optimist Club	\$10,000
Fundraising	\$40,000
Ontario Trillium Foundation	\$150,000

Primary Partners in the project include Uxbridge Rotary, Uxbridge Township, Ontario Trillium Corporation, Durham Mountain Bike Association, Durham Shredders and the Optimist Club of Uxbridge (name rights holders).

The Municipality would not be eligible for Ontario Trillium Foundation funding as the lead partner of the project and would need a local service club to lead the project.

In 2021 the Township of Uxbridge initiated a pay-for-service fee of \$10/hour for out-of-town residents for use of the Pump Park due to the heavy usage which saw numbers climb from the 40-50 capacity limit to 140-150. This created safety and property concerns in relation to use of the facility as well as illegal and unsafe parking at the park and on the street. This year, 2022, the municipality was successful in applying through the Community Building Fund and have been awarded \$500,000 for the addition of lights to better service and extend the hours of operation of the park.

While it is recognized that the location of Little Britain, on the Little Britain Community Centre property, was identified by Council as a proposed location for this project the Trails Master Plan, scheduled for conclusion and presentation to Council later this year, may have a proposal for a similar amenity at the Pontypool Forest Tract. Users of the Forest Tract are already using a “natural” style of Pump Park in this area. If the City chooses to move forward with the creation of a Pump Park this may be a better location to allow for a more monitored and proper Pump Park facility, ensure liability and insurance (Health and Safety parameters) are met, provide recreational opportunities more broadly across the geography of the City and potentially allow some savings due to the natural contours of the required facility already existing in the area which will allow for an easier design and build.

Currently, other Pump Parks have either been recently created or are in the planning or construction stages in municipalities such as London, North Bay and Hamilton and estimated costs are in the \$500,000 range. Design and construction of this style of facility is typically done through a Design/Build format with a hard surface track (asphalt).

There has been limited or little public request and no formal expressions of interest to staff for the installation of a Pump Park. Staff receive more feedback/input from the public on enhancements to our existing skateparks across the City.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could choose to direct staff to include in the 2023 Capital Budget deliberation, or a future year, \$500,000 for the development of a Pump Park. Council could also consider providing some seed funding to allow a local Service Club to partner and lead the proposed project to allow for a period of community fundraising and application to applicable funding opportunities.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

This report aligns with the strategic priority within the 2020-2023 Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan of:

1. An Exceptional Quality of Life

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

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

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial impacts associated with this report. If Council chooses to consider this project for a future year, there would be an impact on a future capital budget requirement. Capital funding for required upgrades to our existing facilities is at a premium and strategic decisions will need to be made pertaining to new and existing facility enhancements.

If direction is given to proceed with the implementation of the creation of this project the City's Risk Management Office should be included for the purpose of liability and insurance issues.

Consultations:

Manager of Parks and Recreation

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