

**City of Kawartha Lakes
2023 Proposed Special Projects Budget
Council Question and Answer**

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1	Ashmore	233	Special Project, why are our secondary plan expenses so high here, is it outside legal and planning services ?	The increased budget supports the continued efforts of our external legal team (Thomson Rogers) and planning consultant (Dillon) to resolve appeals through negotiated settlements, without the increased costs of hearing time at the OLT. The added costs borne through the issues resolution process has saved a substantial amount of money by not needing legal and planning costs associated with a long OLT hearing on the various phases.
2	Elmslie	233	Long Term Plan for the Airport, \$55,000, I thought one had already been done by our contracted agency?	Loomex is our management company hired to provide day to day maintenance and operations of the airport and explore business development opportunities related to the airport. A business plan will outline the potential future needs for the airport and how to maximize the land use.

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3	Ashmore	234	MLE officer body cameras. KLPS asked for these and never received them yet what is the rationale for them now?	KLPS and MLEL are two separate businesses with separate needs criteria, equipment review, technology, investigative methods and service boards. The MLEL request cannot be compared to KLPS current standing or guidance from the Police Services Act or their regulating authorities. Body cameras, when integrated with our current tools, will serve to have an active link to real time emerging issues, will track officers with GPS tagging and enhance protections that the officers need when confronted with hostile situations. The MLE/police industry is generally moving in this direction.
4	Richardson	234	Parks & Rec Strategic Plan \$200,000 – study is for growth, is this a 10 year strategic plan for new parks and expansion and improvements on our existing parks?	Strategic Plans do have a life of approximately 10 years (current one is approximately 15 years in age). A component of the Strategic Plan will deal with Parks (service provision, maintenance, use, planning, development, etc.) and could detail a next phase.
5	Ashmore	234	Verulam Centennial park. What is planned , will the beach be improved and more accessible , will permanent washrooms be replaced in future	The budget requested is to develop a plan. So there is nothing known at this time on what it will incorporate. But it would be to develop a plan for the betterment of the park. There will be no permanent washrooms at this site, for a variety of reasons; service provision for rural parks by portable washrooms, cost to build permanent structure vs portable, no servicing of the property, etc.
6	Elmslie, Ashmore	235	Ec. Dev. Archeological Mgmt. plan \$100,000, what is this, and why is it required?	The Archeological management plan supports requirements under provincial policy and the City's Official Plan. It will streamline processes with regards to archaeological assessments undertaken by and for the City. This funding is for the second phase of the study, phase 1 is currently underway and being completed by staff.

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7	Richardson, Elmslie	235	Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping \$150,000. Currently our local Conservations have spent and continue to update flood mapping why do we need to bring this in house?	The City will continue to use Kawartha Conservation to undertake this work as it is within their mandate and they have the expertise to conduct the work. The City would not be able to conduct this work as cost-effectively. The resultant mapping is used independently by the City for certain purposes, and the CA within CKL. This partnership approach has also attracted grant funding for some of the work.