



## Committee of the Whole Report

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**Report Number:** PR2025-001

**Meeting Date:** March 4, 2025

**Title:** Kawartha Lakes Parks Advisory Committee Annual Update  
and 2025 Work Plan

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### Recommendation(s):

**That** Report PR2025-001, **Parks Advisory Committee Annual Report and 2025 Work Plan**, be received;

**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:**

The Kawartha Lakes Parks Advisory Committee was established in January 2019 to replace the former Lindsay Parks Advisory Committee. The mandate of the Committee is to advise on significant park developments across the municipality, as well as trail system development. This includes the development of park policy and planning and providing community feedback on park property needs and projects.

The updated Terms of Reference (2018) for the Kawartha Lakes Parks Advisory Committee stipulates that an annual report be written to Council by the end of Q1 each calendar year in line with the Committee's achievements from the previous year and to present their work plan for the upcoming year.

## **Rationale:**

In 2024 the Kawartha Lakes Parks Advisory Committee participated in the following:

- The Committee held four meetings throughout 2024 as per our approved Terms of Reference.
- Received overview of the new Parks and Recreation Organizational structure and new positions put in place to support park and trail operations.
- Received a presentation by Tocher Heyblom Design regarding the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan for the Committee's consideration and information.
- Received updates on major projects across Kawartha Lakes including Bobcaygeon Beach Park, Trails Master Plan, Active Transportation Plan, Memorial Park in Lindsay, and Pinewood Park in Pontypool.
- Received updates on various community parks, including plans for future work and community involvement.
- Reviewed community feedback and suggestions for City parks and trails.
- Reviewed the process for new parks and trails within new developments.
- Discussed development plans for Pioneer Park in Lindsay, Juniper Park in Fenelon Falls, as well as other potential park developments.

- Discussed potential opportunities for additional soccer field locations and pickle ball court expansions.

In the upcoming year the Committee will continue with the following:

- Discuss major park developments and continued maintenance of existing parks.
- Provide a forum for citizens, user groups, and community agencies to raise issues and concerns regarding municipal parks.
- Continue to provide advice and guidance to City Council, through the Community Services Department, on matters pertaining to policies, development, conservation, active transportation, practices and programs related to municipal parks as required.

### **Other Alternatives Considered:**

No other alternatives are recommended.

### **Alignment to Strategic Priorities**

The recommendations in this report align with the following strategic priority within 2024-2027 Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan:

A Vibrant and Growing Economy – supporting our community parks and trails to encourage active transportation providing routes to bring residents and tourists to our downtown centres.

An Exceptional Quality of Life – enhancing community areas and encouraging social and healthy interactions.

A Healthy Environment – protecting and preserving natural areas while providing and maintaining parks and trails for community use.

Good Government – working collaboratively with members of our community to foster teamwork within our communities.

### **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

This is a volunteer Advisory Committee with no financial/operation impacts.

**Servicing Implications:**

There are no servicing implications associated with this report.

**Consultations:**

Manager, Parks and Recreation

Chair, Kawartha Lakes Parks Advisory Committee

**Attachments:**

N/A

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