



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the General Committee**

From: **Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner of Community Services**

Meeting Date: **January 20, 2020**

Subject: **Report CSRS20-002
Ecology Park Capital Campaign**

Purpose

A report to inform Council of Peterborough GreenUP Association's "Investing in Ecology Park Capital Campaign", and to seek approval for Peterborough GreenUP to continue to develop facilities that enhance Ecology Park and strengthen the broad suite of ecological programs and services Peterborough GreenUP Association offers.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSRS20-002 dated January 20, 2020, of the Commissioner of Community Services, as follows:

- a) That Peterborough GreenUP Association's "Investing in Ecology Park Capital Campaign" be approved, which includes the establishment of a water service and irrigation, barrier-free washroom, accessible pathways, permeable surface floor in the education shelter, and natural play structure in the Children's Garden within Ecology Park;
- b) That the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to sign all required Permission to Enter and Construct Agreements, necessary to allow contractors to complete the works associated with the "Investing in Ecology Park Capital Campaign" projects; and
- c) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a new Land Use Licence Agreement with Peterborough GreenUP Association for its operation of Ecology Park, including the infrastructure improvement projects identified in their "Investing

in Ecology Park Capital Campaign”, in a form acceptable to the Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the City Solicitor.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is no budget or financial implication to the City resulting from the approval of the recommendations of this report. Peterborough GreenUP Association is fully responsible for all costs associated with their Capital Campaign, independent of the City.

Background

In 2013, Council enacted By-Law 13-166 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Land Use Licence Agreement to formalize the long-standing informal relationship with Peterborough GreenUP Association (GreenUP) to operate Ecology Park at Beavermead Park.

When the Land Use Agreement was signed, GreenUP had not yet established a long-term capital campaign for Ecology Park. Therefore, the Agreement only references GreenUP’s intent to construct a greenhouse within Ecology Park. However, Schedule B to the Agreement lists the activities and services to be provided by GreenUP within Ecology Park of which utility services are contemplated. By 2017, GreenUP had established a 5-year capital campaign necessary to support and expand on the activities and services identified in the Land Use Agreement.

In addition to a greenhouse, GreenUP’s capital plans include establishing the following infrastructure improvements:

- Replacing the Children’s Education Shelter/Storage – Completed in 2018
- Installing water service and irrigation – to replace the current hose and spicket set-up
- Constructing a Barrier-free washroom
- Creating accessible pathways throughout Ecology Park to meet AODA requirements
- Constructing a natural Play Structure in the Children’s Garden
- Constructing a greenhouse

A schematic of the capital campaign and GreenUP’s contemplated construction schedule is attached as Appendix “A”. The construction schedule is not firm, as it is subject to the timing of Council approval and the securing of required permits.

On March 21, 2017, the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) received a presentation from the Executive Director of GreenUP, on the 5-year capital campaign for Ecology Park. APRAC endorsed the campaign at that time. The Children’s Education Shelter project completed in 2018 was a replacement of an existing aging

facility. The remainder of the proposed projects are additions to Ecology Park's infrastructure. Therefore, Staff wishes to inform Council of the proposed infrastructure projects to be constructed on City property and seek approval to allow GreenUP to proceed. If approved, Staff recommends that a new Land Use Licence Agreement be entered into with GreenUP that includes the infrastructure improvement projects identified in their long-term capital campaign.

GreenUP has secured Mortlock Construction as their general contractor. For the projects to proceed, a Permission to Enter and Construct Agreement must be in place to cover each project. Staff is seeking approval for the Commissioner of Community Services to be authorized to sign the required Permission to Enter and Construct Agreements on behalf of the City.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A: Capital Campaign Schematic