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**Peterborough**

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**TO:** Members of the Arenas, Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Mary Gallop, Manager, Facilities & Special Projects

**MEETING DATE:** July 17, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Report APRAC12-023  
Rogers Cove Water Play Park

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## **PURPOSE**

A report to present the plans for the Rogers Cove Water Play park.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC12-023 dated July 17, 2012 of the Manager of Facilities and Special Projects, as follows:

- a) That a presentation by Staff on the design of the water play park be received, and
- b) That the design be endorsed and forwarded to Council for consideration.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Council approved Report CSD12-006 which established the Water Play Park budget at \$1,010,000. The project is funded by a \$510,000 allocation from the Tollington Parks Endowment Fund, a \$342,000 from the Development Charge Reserve Fund and \$158,000 from Capital Levy.

The plan as presented is within the \$1,010,000 budget.

## BACKGROUND

The Rogers Cove Water Play Project will include a water splash park, a new washroom/changeroom and storage facility, additional parking for boats and trailers accessing Mark Street boat launch, a location for a community oven (future), and boat storage for the Scouts from Brownsea Base, likely in phase 2 of the project. The project also includes the connection of the Trans Canada Trail from Rogers Cove to the rail bridge (but does not include the work on the bridge itself).

Staff hosted a community meeting on June 20, 2012 at the Lions Community Centre in which the Consultants, Landscape Planning Limited, presented the concept plan and received public feedback. Sixty-five residents were in attendance. The plans were well received and public feedback is included in Appendix A.

City Staff also presented the Rogers Cove plans to the Access Committee (Built Environment) on June 28, 2012. The Committee strongly supported the design and made some suggestions for functionality of the project.

Staff will be presenting the plans for the park at the July 17, 2012 meeting of APRAC. Tendering for the project will take place late August and an award of construction contract is anticipated for late September. Construction will commence in October and the project is expected to be completed by June 2013, in time for the summer season.

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Attachment: Appendix A - Rogers Cove Water Play Park Community Meeting

# Appendix A:

## Rogers Cove Water Play Park - Community Meeting

June 20, 2012

Presentation Questions/Comments			
#	Item	Question/Comment	Response
1	Boat turning and parking issue on Mark Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Require solution for safety</li> <li>- Review options for more than 4 parking spots</li> </ul>	Consultants will look into the design to determine additional vehicle/trailer parking and a suitable turning solution
2	Accessible Parking	Are there sufficient disabled parking spots identified in the two parking lots?	This will be determined through the site plan development.
3	Accessible person access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How will you ensure that wheelchairs can navigate safely and freely through the splash park?</li> <li>- How can you accommodate persons with low vision for safe access to the splash park?</li> </ul>	There will be a separation of elements in the splash pad There are colour differences in the concrete between the paths and the 'wet' area of the water play park; additionally, the concrete surfaces will be differentiated; finally, access doors and walls to/in the washroom building will be differentiated by colour as well.
4	Trail Access	Where does the trail go on Maria Street? Can we put the trail along the rail land?	The trail will go along the south side of the road We are not recommending the trail along rail land due to the challenges in some areas where sufficient land is not available.
5	Overall Park Design	This is really great – my grandchildren will be visiting all summer!	
6	Train Bridge over Otonabee River	Rail bridge is heavily used – need to consider two lanes on this	The bridge crossing will be three metres or 10 feet.
7	Traffic on Maria Street	Can we introduce traffic calming on Maria Street to ensure safety of children and pedestrians visiting the splash pad?	The City's Transportation Department has been asked to comment on options for traffic calming on Maria Street.

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8	Geese Issue	Geese presently congregate on the open field where the splash pad will be? How will you control it?	The presence of people will be a deterrent to the geese population around the splash pad. Additionally, the roughened surface of the concrete may also deter their congregation.
9	Family Changeroom	Should we not design a family changeroom in the building?	The design includes privacy change stalls that can work for parents with opposite sex children.
10	Design Elements	Will it be designed for all ages? Seniors?	Yes!
11	Lights	Will it be lit at night	The splash pad will not be lit at night but there will be safety lighting in and around the building.
12	Security Cameras	Would you consider security cameras to protect from vandalism?	We are not recommending security cameras at this time.
13	Safety	During bad weather, will there be a shelter to protect visitors from lightening?	The building can act as a shelter. The roof will have an overhang.
14	Lockers	Would you consider lockers so visitors can lock up their valuables	We will look into the issue of lockers.
15	Shade	Can you move the splash pad closer to the trees to take advantage of the shade?	The pad construction has to avoid the tree routes so that they are not damaged by the pad. There will be new trees as well as sun shelters constructed with this project.
16	Water Fountain	Will there be a water fountain?	We will investigate this option.
17	Hand washing station	Will there be a hand washing station at the community oven?	The building washrooms can act as the hand washing station for the oven activities.
18	Rubber Base	Would you consider a rubber base vs. a coloured concrete base?	Rubber bases are problematic with water parks and typically do not last as long as a concrete pad.

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19	Bus Stop	The bus stop is not functionally located. Will this change?	The Utility Services Department has approved a sidewalk to be added to the park along Maria Street. This will help connect pedestrians to and from the bus stop.
20	Maria Street Fence	Will you have a gate to you can access the park from the front and west side, instead of entering the gateways/archways.	Yes, we will investigate this option.
21	Bike Racks	Will there be bike racks?	Yes, we will be adding bike racks.
22	Washroom Building	Will it be open all season?	No, it will only be open during the warm weather season.
23	Boat Rentals	Will there be boat rentals?	This is something that will be referred to the Peterborough Scouts for their consideration.
24	Cost of Project	What does this project cost? Aren't there better things to invest \$1,000,000 in? The Zoo already has a splash pad.	50% of the funding has been provided by the Tollington Parks Endowment Fund and the balance of the project funded through capital levy and development charges. Not all children can access the splash pad at the Zoo, so the Board of Parks and Recreation recommended facilities such as the splash pad be placed in neighbourhoods across the City so children can access them

## COMMENT CARDS

(Written comment cards filled out independently by residents at the meeting and put into a Comment Box)

- Outdoor water fountain on trail.
- Repave smaller parking lot
- 2 metre buffer strip at beach to deter geese
- Only native trees and plants
- Use permeable concrete
- Looking forward to speaking with you regarding another splash pad project.
- Have you considered bike racks for boathouse and splash pad? (2 times)
- Great Plan! Exciting!
- I really, really, really like it. So please don't take it away because I really want it here
- I think it's a great idea for the children in East City. I believe it is needed.
- Lots of nice ideas
- Is there room for some community garden plots to compliment the oven?
- I hope to see lots of native plantings
- I love the shade structure ideas.
- Prefer the trail option that goes along the lake and edgewater – no hills. The hill at Burnham and Maria is very hard to pedal up and a bit dangerous to pedal down. Traffic issues too because cars do not stop.
- The washrooms should be open year round.
- I hope this project could also link to water quality improvements so we can swim in the lake.
- I completely agree this is going to be a great idea, definitely needed
- Great plan – good job guys!
- There should be a source of potable water for both the splash pad and trail users.
- Probably a good idea to have a water source at the community oven.
- Would like to meet to discuss a second splash pad project (currently on tract for Spring 2013).
- Gated access through north needed to play area. Play area season is much longer than splash pad season.
- Lockers for valuables are needed.
- Can there be an opportunity for adults and children to have input on specific splash pad features? (e.g. focus group voting on such things as vertical features, mid-height features and ground features)
- Water fountain? For drinking and re-filling. (2 times)

- A rain shelter or picnic shelter would be a benefit for people who walk or bike to park who can't take shelter in cars.