



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Mayor and Members of Council

Prepared by: K. Miller, Deputy Clerk

Department: Administration

Date of Report: December 11, 2020

Report Number: AD-12-20

Subject: Small Coast Overview and Phasing Options

Recommendation

That the report of the Deputy Clerk dated December 11, 2020 (AD-12-20) be received and:

1. That Council provide Direction for the preferred option regarding phase 2B (either option with marina/boat launch or the option with the water/ice feature); and
2. That Council endorse the filing of the COVID resiliency grant for rebuilding the sports courts as part of phase 2A.

Report

The purpose of the report is twofold. Firstly to provide Council with an overview of the project and secondly to obtain direction from Council regarding the initial phase of the Small Coast Waterfront Experience. As council may recall at the meeting of October 13, 2020, it was agreed that the initial phase of the park redevelopment would include:

Phase 2A (refer to Slide 2 – page 21 of PPP)

- Renovation of the Event Centre
- Renovation of Benoit House for Museum
- Construction of parking lot
- Extension of Ulster Street (to access parking)
- Trail connecting site
- Upgrade of the existing sports zone

Phase 2B-1 (refer to slide 3 – page 22 of PPP)

- Relocation of boat launch and parking
- Decommissioning of existing boat launch and converting area to open space
- Upgrade of former Westport marina
- Construction of pump station
- Extension of Ulster street to boat launch parking

Following the meeting of October 13, comments were received as to the timing of the construction of the winter ice feature. Due to budget constraints, this component of the project would be delayed for at least 5 years - pending approval of a grant or additional funding prior to that timeline. As a result of the inquiries, administration as met with JPT to develop an option that would replace the current 2B with the construction of an ice/water feature. The revised option would include:

Phase 2B-2 (refer to slide 4 – page 23 of PPP)

- Construction of water/ice trail feature
- Construction of playground
- Construction of pump station
- Upgrade of former Westport marina
- Level grade and seed area for future boat launch/dog park
- As part of the redesign for the water/ice trail, the commercial pads have been relocated southerly between Laurier Drive and Adams Lane (refer to page 33 of the PPP).

Attached to this report is a spreadsheet (refer to page 37 of PPP), which summarizes the financing for the initial phase of the project and its overall development. As Council may recall, the original budget set for the initial phase 2A and 2B (with the boat launch option) was approximately \$18M. Also since that time, the Town was successful in securing funding for the National Disaster Mitigation Grant. The financial plan also shows how phase 2B would be revised in order to accommodate the water/ice trail feature. Although detailed design/costing has not been undertaken at this time, administration has reviewed the Brampton project and budget and are comfortable that the option as shown in the presentation could be completed for the \$5.5M. Other areas of the budget were reconfigured to keep the overall cost of the revised phase 2B at approximately \$18.5M.

As part of the original plan, \$250,000 was being allocated to upgrade the courts in the sports zone. The Town will be applying for the COVID resiliency grant for a total of \$335,000. It is recommended to Council that the Town apply this grant to the full rebuild of the courts in the sports zone. Together with the original allocation, the Town would have a budget of \$585,000 to complete this work. Pursuant to the terms of the grant,

this funding must be spent prior to the end of 2021. Therefore, this work would commence early in 2021 to meet the deadline. This would also mean that the courts would be out of service for the upcoming season (refer to page 34 of PPP)

Also attached to this report is a power point presentation, which outlines some of the history of the project, vision and goals together with a summary of the options, and overall build out of the project (refer to pages 32 and 33 of PPP) . Representatives from JP Thomson and administration will be available to walk through the presentation and answer any questions that the members may have regarding any part of the project. It is intended to move forward with the public consultation phase in the middle to later part of January.

Consultations

CAO

Director of Finance

Director of Public Works

Communications and Promotions Officer

JPT

Financial Implications

As set out in attached budget.

Prepared By:

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K. Miller, Deputy Clerk

Link to Strategic Goals

1. Enhancing organizational excellence - Not Applicable
2. Strengthen the community's engagement with the Town - Yes
3. Grow and diversify the local economy - Yes
4. Build on our high-quality of life - Yes

Communications

Not applicable.

Notifications

Not applicable.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:


Chief Administrative Officer

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