

The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Mayor and Members of Council

Prepared by: Peter Marra, P.Eng. – Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Department: Administration

Date of Report: January 23, 2023

Report Number: AD-02-2023

Subject: Event Centre Entrance Garden

Recommendation

That the report of the Deputy CAO dated January 23, 2023 (AD-02-2023) regarding the Event Centre entrance garden, be received;

And that Council approves the proposed concept of the garden and a transfer of \$50,000 out of the waterfront landscaping budget for the Event Centre entrance garden project.

Report

The Town is in receipt of a sponsorship opportunity which has received Council approval (Council Report SE-05-2022) for the completion of the entrance garden at the Event Centre. The entrance garden is located immediately adjacent to Front Road, along the walkway to the Event Centre entrance doors and immediately next to the parking lot.

Enclosed is a rendering of the complete/proposed entrance garden. We will be collaborating with our sponsor and our Park Department to finalize this concept and detail design for tendering and completion in 2023.

The sponsors have pledged \$30,000.00 towards this project.

Final details will be completed as part of the design and tendering process and will include plants that support pollinators and will consider the long-term maintenance of the area. The completed project includes irrigation and a location for annual flower plantings along Front Road.

It is recommended that Council approve the conceptual entrance garden and approve funding the Town portion from the money already set aside for landscaping at the Waterfront Park.

Consultations

The internal administration Waterfront Park team has reviewed and provided input into this report.

The Town has also shared this report with the proposed sponsor.

Financial Implications

The proposed entrance garden as shown is approximately \$80,000. With \$30,000 coming from the sponsor, the balance of \$50,000 is proposed to come from the current money already budgeted for the landscaping portion of the Waterfront Project. There was originally approximately \$2.5 million budgeted.

The proposed conceptual rendering currently includes low voltage, accent up lighting on the trees and within the garden. At this time, administration is not recommending proceeding with the accent lighting, but if Council wishes to proceed with the accent lighting, this will require another \$45,000 from the original budget.

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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 Not Applicable
- 4. Build on our high-quality of life Yes
- 5. Sustaining strong public services and infrastructure Yes

Communications

As noted in report.

Notifications

Not applicable.

Report Approval Details

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

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Chief Administrative Officer