
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF THE ROTARY CLUB FISHING PLATFORM AT HERITAGE PARK

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That the installation of a fishing platform within Heritage Park and the final design as shown in Appendix "A" to Staff Report ENG013-19, be approved.
2. That the Rotary Club of Barrie-Huronion be permitted to finance and construct an accessible fishing pier along the shoreline of Kempenfelt Bay within Heritage Park.
3. That the fishing pier become the property of the City of Barrie upon completion.
4. That regular maintenance be undertaken by the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department.
5. That future rehabilitation of the fishing pier be undertaken by the City with the opportunity for funding by the Rotary Club of Barrie-Huronion.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

6. On March 5, 2018, Council approved Motion 18-G-028 as follows:
 - "1. That the Fishing Platform Project proposed by the Rotary Club of Barrie-Huronion to enhance public fishing opportunities along the City of Barrie's waterfront, as illustrated in Appendix A to Staff Report ENG001-18, be endorsed in principle,
 2. That staff in the Engineering Department report back to General Committee with project details on the final design and the capital and operating costs for approval prior to the implementation."
7. Through detailed design and consultation with various City departments and user groups, the preferred location has been moved easterly from the previous location to the east side of Heritage Park as per Appendix A.

8. Following the adjustment to location, modifications to the structure design were completed to reduce future maintenance costs on the pier while ensuring AODA accessibility compliance. An accessible pathway will be extended from the existing asphalt pathway within Heritage Park to the fishing pier. The pathway extension will connect to the fishing pier at grade with no steps and will be fully accessible.
9. The full construction costs of the fishing pier are being financed by the Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron.
10. The Parks and Forestry Department indicated that future long term maintenance costs are difficult to forecast as this structure is unique however maintenance in the first ten years is expected to be minimal.
11. With Council approval, the Legal Department will enter into an agreement with the Rotary Club allowing the Rotary Club and its contractors and designates to enter the park and construct the fishing pier on City property.

ANALYSIS

12. As per Council Motion 18-G-028, the fishing Pier supports the Waterfront and Marina Strategic Plan by providing recreational opportunities within Heritage Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

13. As per Council Motion 18-G-028, Staff have assisted the Rotary Club with their permit application to the Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority. The permitting process is ongoing and the construction of the pier is subject to permitting approval.

ALTERNATIVES

14. The following alternative is available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1 General Committee could elect not to approve the recommendation for the installation of the fishing pier, its location and design.

This Alternative is not recommended based on:

- The fishing pier supports the Waterfront and Marina Strategic Plan with its design by providing a boardwalk type platform consistent with boardwalk implementation elsewhere along the waterfront;
- The fishing pier provides an additional pedestrian connection in a public space that is fully accessible; and,
- The fishing pier provides an additional recreational opportunity in a public space which can be utilized during the fall fishing festival and other various events in Heritage Park; and,
- The pier supports various aspects of the 2018-2022 strategic plan; and,
- The City has previously worked with and benefited from partnerships with external groups such as the Rotary Club(s) in Barrie

FINANCIAL

15. Other than minor operating costs by the Parks and Forestry Department, as well as minor costs for staff time to help facilitate permitting and the legal agreement, there are no financial implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

LINKAGE TO 2018-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN

16. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2018 - 2022 Strategic Plan:
- Fostering a Safe and Healthy City
 - Building Strong Neighbourhoods
 - Improving the Ability to get Around
17. The implementation of the fishing pier supports “Fostering a Safe and Healthy City” by promoting and supporting recreational opportunities for the Community. The fishing platform will provide three-season enjoyment for both fishing and access to the waterfront.
18. The fishing pier supports “Building Strong Neighbourhoods” by creating passive recreational opportunities within Heritage Park as well as providing additional pedestrian connectivity within Heritage Park.
19. The fishing pier also improves the ability to get around by providing additional connections within public spaces and provides a fully accessible platform for public use.

APPENDIX "A"

Proposed Fishing Pier Location



Fishing Pier Design

ROTARY FISHING PLATFORM
LAKESHORE DRIVE, BARRIE, ON

