



**INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH
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TO: MAYOR A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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NOTED: M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: AED DEFIBRILLATORS AT PAINSWICK PARK

DATE: MAY 8, 2024

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with Additional information requested in relation to AEDs in public parks at the General Committee meeting held on April 23, 2024.

Staff were requested to provide additional information on how other municipalities were managing AED installations in parks.

BACKGROUND

The installation of an AED at Painswick Park is under consideration by City Council to be funded from the Community Project Fund at the request of Councillor Morales. Please refer to the submission form for additional details.

A confidential legal services department memorandum dated June 14, 2021 was also circulated to Council as background material.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

In addition to the information provided in the above referenced documents staff have identified the following additional considerations:

- Given that the upper parking lot and the access paths within parks are not maintained in the winter months, how would the City manage the public expectations to access the AED year round.
- Limiting the installation to when the park is in use or when the access paths are accessible could be problematic if the public are expecting access to AEDs at all times.

EXPERIENCE OF OTHER MUNICIPALITIES

To address the above considerations, staff consulted other municipalities about AED installations in parks. In the limited time since the General Committee meeting on April 23, 2024, the information that staff were able to obtain is summarized below.

- Few municipalities in Ontario have AED installations in park locations that are not accessible in the winter.



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- The Township of Oro-Medonte recently (in the last year) installed AEDs in five park locations. The cost of the AEDs were defrayed through community fundraising. The AEDs were monitored and maintained by a third party entity for the first year.
 - Oro-Medonte is currently looking at other options for maintaining and monitoring the AEDs. The options include the use of the Township resources or participation in the County of Simcoe's PAD program.
 - Similar to the City of Barrie, the Township does not maintain access paths within parks in the winter months.
 - Township staff are grappling with the similar considerations as outlined above. Given that these are recent installations, township staff have not confirmed an approach to address these issues.