



TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: 2023 CAPITAL FUNDING FOR DORIAN PARKER EXTERIOR WASHROOM

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That the 2023 Budget for capital project FC1290 concerning the Dorian Parker Exterior Washroom be increased by \$39,000, to be funded from the Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Reserve.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. The purpose of this Staff Report is to request an increase in the 2023 Capital Planning budget by \$39,000. Funding is necessary to complete the scope of the capital project FC1290 Dorian Parker Exterior Washroom due to inflationary pressures and to support motion 22-G-136, which was approved after the development of the project scope.
3. In 2014, the “Every Kids a Hero Inclusive Adventure Playground” was redeveloped at Sunnidale Park to be fully accessible to members of the public with mobility impairments or disabilities, as well as individuals with hearing and visual impairments.
4. Currently, the only washroom facilities that are located on site at Sunnidale Park include two portable toilets, and those located inside the Dorian Parker Centre, a rentable recreation space that is not open to the public for washroom facility use.
5. In 2020, City staff received quotes for the supply of a prefabricated, self-cleaning washroom that could be installed adjacent to the Dorian Parker Centre at Sunnidale Park. The budget request of \$40,000 within the 2022 Capital Plan was created for this project and was based upon 2020 estimates, with an allowance for inflation included.
6. On June 27, 2022, Motion 22-G-136 was passed stating, “That the Accessibility Advisory Committee supports the inclusion of fully accessible washrooms within newly built City facilities.” The original scope of the quotation does not align with motion 22-G-136 as it does not include a barrier-free unit that would be fully accessible to all members of the public.

7. As a result of the passing of Motion 22-G-136 and unprecedented rising construction costs, the approved budget for this project is insufficient to complete this project.

ANALYSIS

8. With Sunnidale Park being a popular location in the City of Barrie, members of the public have been advocating for year-round use of an exterior washroom to be installed that supports the City's increasing year-round activation and programming in the park.
9. Capital Project FC1290 Dorian Parker Exterior Washroom received a budget approval in 2022. Since the project was identified and budgeted, construction inflation costs have increased more than anticipated. In addition, the inclusion of barrier-free elements not only increases the physical size of the unit required, and therefore cost, but requires adjacent siteworks to ensure full access to it.
10. A barrier-free, prefabricated washroom would be the most efficient option, while aligning with motion 22-G-136
11. The planned location for the new washroom facility is shown in Appendix "A". Although a location away from the Dorian Parker facility immediately adjacent to the playground would be ideal, the services necessary to support the washroom are located at the north end of the facility, where the facility's interior washrooms are located.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT MATTERS

12. There are no environmental and climate change impact matters directly related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

13. The following alternatives are available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1

General Committee could choose to waive the requirement to provide a fully accessible washroom. The additional funding required to complete the project should this option be chosen is \$15,000.

This alternative is not recommended. Although the cost to complete the project will be less if this option is chosen, a unit that is not fully accessible cannot serve the needs of City residents and visitors that Motion 22-G-136 is meant to support.

FINANCIAL

14. It is recommended that the requested additional budget be funded from the Cash in Lieu of Parkland reserve.
15. The exterior washroom at the Dorian Parker Centre will require servicing for electrical and plumbing which will have an estimated yearly range of \$3,000 to \$5,000.

LINKAGE TO 2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

16. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan:

- Thriving Community
- Responsible Governance

Three key priorities of the 2022-2026 Council Strategic Plan include expanding and maximizing access to parks and recreation opportunities, championing equity, diversity, and inclusion, and maintaining focus on city core services. The installation of an accessible washroom at Sunnidale Park will greatly benefit the community by maximizing access to parks and supporting equity, diversity, and inclusion, while remaining fiscally responsible.

APPENDIX "A"

Location of Proposed Prefabricated Washroom

