



Corporation of the Township of Brock

Staff Report to the Mayor and Members of Council

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Title / Subject: Cannington Historical Society SeaCans
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Date of Meeting: August 14, 2023
Report No: 2023-PRF-020

1.0 Issue / Origin

At the June 26, 2023 Council meeting resolution C-2023-143 requested a report regarding the placement of SeaCans in MacLeod Park by the Cannington Historical Society and Cannington Haunted Attraction.

2.0 Background

The Cannington Historical Society and Cannington Haunted Attraction have proposed to purchase and place 3 SeaCans at the Historical Museum site. It has been indicated that the purchase and installation of the SeaCans will eliminate the previous request from the Cannington Haunted Attraction to build a new storage garage as previously approved by Council earlier this year.

3.0 Analysis

On June 29, 2023 staff met with representatives from Cannington Historical Society and the Cannington Haunted Attraction to review the proposed location for the placement of the SeaCans.

The proposed location is to the north of the Train Station building and to the east of the current Cannington Haunted Attraction Barn. The site was previously prepared for placement of rail box cars and has a gravel base of unknown depth or compaction. The site was prepared over 40 years ago and was not engineered for this type of application as this type of container was not in wide use and were not being used by the public as they are today.

The site is located on a hill and has a sharp drop off on the north side but does have sufficient space to place three containers on a diagonal direction with the openings to be placed to the south west direction to allow for easy access by the Historical Society or Haunted Attraction when necessary.

Staff suggest the site be prepared with fresh gravel, compacted and leveled to provide a uniform base for the containers. A temporary access path may also be required to be created to allow the delivery truck to approach the location and limit damage to the grass and hillside.

This work would need to be completed prior to the delivery and installation of the containers.

In discussions with the Clerk, it was identified that there are no existing agreements with either the Cannington Historical Society or the Cannington Haunted Attraction as it relates to the building(s) located on Township property, in terms of responsibility for maintenance and general operating costs as well as required insurance.

4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

None

5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment

All materials and labour for the site preparation and access would be the responsibility of the Cannington Historical Society. There would be no financial impact to the Township.

6.0 Climate Change Impacts

By reusing out of service SeaCans there is minor climate change impact as the units will be maintained from the elements and will not be recycled or allowed to decay while in use.

7.0 Communications

None

8.0 Conclusion

The need for secure storage for the Cannington Historical Society and the Cannington Haunted Attraction is apparent. The proposed location is suitable with the recommended improvements and fits within the theme of the rail station. This area has not been recommended for any other projects to date.

Staff suggest that moving forward each of the groups, Cannington Historical Society and the Cannington Haunted Attraction, enter into a lease agreement with the Township to ensure all parties fully understand each party's role and expectations.

9.0 Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive report 2023-PRF-020, and

THAT Council approve the installation of three sea containers, SeaCans, at the proposed site after site preparations have been completed, and

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into separate lease agreements with the Cannington Historical Society and the Cannington Haunted Attraction, which outlines the party's responsibilities with building maintenance, repairs, operating costs and insurance.