



## Corporation of the Township of Brock

### Staff Report to the Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** R. Wayne Ward  
**Position:** Manager Parks, Recreation, Facilities & IT  
**Title / Subject:** MacLeod Park Sea Can Placement Follow-Up  
**Date of Report:** August 22, 2023  
**Date of Meeting:** September 11, 2023  
**Report No:** 2023-PRF-022

#### 1.0 Issue / Origin

This report is a follow-up with respect to Report No. 2023-PRF-020 presented to Council on August 14, 2023.

#### 2.0 Background

At the August 14th meeting, Council passed resolution C-2023-175:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report 2023-PRF-020, Cannington Historical SeaCans be received; and

THAT Council approve the installation of three sea containers 'SeaCans' at the proposed site after site preparations have been completed pending final approval of the exterior façade of the SeaCans; 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.

#### 3.0 Analysis

Staff communicated with both the Cannington Historical Society and the Cannington Haunted Attraction in regard to Council's request to consider options of having the exterior façade of the sea cans artistically painted to resemble some historic design of old railcars.

Both organizations acknowledged that they appreciate Council's request for beautifying the exterior façade of the sea cans, however the organizations confirmed that they do not have the means nor funds to paint artistic murals.

Both organizations also acknowledge Council's concern with respect to the appearance of the sea cans and unwanted tagging. In this regard, the organizations confirm that they intend to paint the exterior of the sea cans with a one tone colour to keep the sea cans looking clean and make it more convenient to cover up any unwanted future tagging.

Additionally, the organizations reconsidered the configuration of the placement of the sea cans and have amended their initial plan from all three sea cans placed diagonally and apart from each other, to now stacking them closer to each other to avoid unwanted tagging.

The revised configuration, attached to this report as Schedule "1", will have two sea cans facing west towards the haunted attraction barn and the third directly behind the two sea cans with the door facing the rail station.

The organizations also wished to advise Council that these sea cans are strictly for storage purposes and not intended to be incorporated as part of the museum or haunted trail. The sea cans will be 20 feet long by 8 feet wide and will be incorporated behind the existing berm and brush to minimize sightlines.

#### **4.0 Related Policies / Procedures**

None.

#### **5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment**

All relative costs for site preparation, sea can purchase, and painting will be the responsibility of the Cannington Historical Society and the Cannington Haunted Attraction.

#### **6.0 Climate Change Impacts**

Sea cans are decommissioned rail cars that are repurposed for other uses.

#### **7.0 Communications**

This report is being published on a public council agenda on the township's website.

#### **8.0 Conclusion**

Staff support the revised configuration and placement of the sea cans and acknowledge that with the berm and brush, they can be relatively hidden from sightlines from the remainder of MacLeod Park. Staff also recommend that the recommendations of this report be ratified at the Special Council meeting held on September 11<sup>th</sup>, in order for the organizations to purchase and place the sea cans prior to any fall events and winter.

#### **9.0 Recommendation**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report No. 2023-PRF-022 titled "MacLeod Park Sea Can Placement Follow-Up", be received; and

THAT Council approve the new configuration and placement of three(3) sea cans as shown on Schedule "1" attached to Report No. 2023-PRF-022; and

THAT Council ratify the recommendation of Report No. 2023-PRF-022 at the Special Council Meeting held on September 11, 2023.