



Corporation of the Township of Brock

Staff Report to the Mayor and Members of Council

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Title / Subject: MacLeod Park Plan Revision
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Date of Meeting: October 7, 2024
Report No: 2024-PRF-022

1.0 Issue / Origin

During 2024 Budget discussions and as approved in the 2024 Budget a review and revision of the MacLeod Park plan was included with direction to staff to bring forward a report on the revised plan for this park.

2.0 Background

In 2014 Justin Whalen, a Landscape Architecture student from University of Guelph provided council a proposed MacLeod Park Plan. This plan was accepted by Council but no direction to staff was provided for the implementation of this plan.

In the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan approved by Council in 2023, the consultants recommended "Develop a new site-specific master plan for MacLeod Park that reflects current community interests."

Council has indicated many times recently that this park has great potential and has expressed an interest in improving this park to its full potential as one of the few areas within Brock Township.

3.0 Analysis

Staff worked with Dallas Canavan, a local resident and recent graduate of the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture with Honours, to review the 2014 plan and revise it to meet the current community interests as outlined in the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan.

New initiatives such as the introduction of Pickleball courts, which was not included in the 2014 plan, were included in the revision.

Some items within the plan are already in process such as the replacement of the playground in the north part of the park, near the existing tennis courts, the creation of a full-size basketball court, and the creation of a pickleball court.

4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

None

5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment

This new concept plan for MacLeod Park will have an impact on the budget but the degree of impact will depend on the direction of Council and which Concept is chosen from the two concepts contained within the plan and if the direction is to proceed with the proposed phasing within the chosen concept.

Staff have not investigated the costing of any of the proposed phasing items, with the exception of items that have already been requested by Council such as a dog park, picnic shelter, pickleball court and basketball court. Some of the items have been approved as partnerships with community organizations or as approved capital projects.

5.1 Asset Management

The introduction of any new or improved components of MacLeod Park should be included in the Asset Management Plan to maintain this park for future generations.

6.0 Climate Change Impacts

If the entirety of the concept plans is put into place the planting of trees to create a new and improved tree canopy will provide improvements to the environment and have a positive affect on climate change.

7.0 Communications

N/A

8.0 Conclusion

The 2024 MacLeod Park Concept Plan builds on the 2014 plan and if approved and adopted by Council will set in place a plan for the improvement of MacLeod Park for years to come. This will create a destination location for the public to attend and enjoy with new and exciting components such as a multi-sport field, pump track, washrooms, walking spaces, green space including additional trees and much more.

9.0 Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Committee receive report 2024-PRF-022, MacLeod Park Plan Revision, and

THAT this be ratified at the Council meeting of October 21, 2024.