



Corporation of the Township of Brock

Staff Report to the Members of Council

From: Wayne Ward
Position: Director Parks, Recreation and Facilities
Title / Subject: MacLeod Park Plan Revision update
Date of Meeting: October 14, 2025
Report No: 2025-PRF-021

1.0 Issue / Origin

MacLeod Park plan concepts were submitted to Council after public consultation. Modifications to the plan were necessary to meet requirements of Durham Region in regards to the Wellhead Protection Areas.

2.0 Background

The plans for MacLeod Park have been ongoing for several years with different landscape architect students and graduates being involved in the development of the concepts.

In 2024 two concepts were presented to Council and the public. The feedback was taken back and modifications were made to the concepts.

3.0 Analysis

Due to requirements of Durham Region specifically the Wellhead Protection Areas some features of the concepts had to be relocated to maintain clearances.

The new concept has taken all of the feedback from the user groups and public along with the technical requirements from regulatory entities resulting in the proposal in this report.

Some of the areas that have been amended are the location of the dog park and the pump track. The addition of the proposal from the Cannington Horticultural Society to create a "Heart of Ontario" feature with tree plantings has been included in this proposal as well. The relocation of the proposed washroom facility to be more central to the sports fields was also included.

4.0 Related Policies / Procedures

N/A

5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment

Funding will be required for topographical surveying and geotechnical testing prior to design of the field including size, placement and surface type (natural or artificial). The surveying and testing will provide vital data for design as this will ensure the location is able to support the field, light standards if the field is to be illuminated, adequate drainage is in place for rainwater run off, and similar circumstances. Through consultation with a landscape architecture company the proposed budget is \$25,000 for this testing with a small contingency of about \$3,000 included.

Funding to engage with a landscape architect firm will be required to design the sports field. To meet procurement policies this should be opened as an RFP to allow for open and transparent bidding on the design of the park or specifically this portion of the overall project.

This project has not been included in the 2026 Draft Capital Budget to-date. If approved, this project will need to be added to the 2026 budget and a funding source identified.

There is funding of \$50,000 available within the MacLeod Park Reserve which could be used to assist with this project

5.1 Asset Management

Once completed this will likely be added to the inventory of parks and recreation amenities and will have an impact on asset management and will require funding towards replacement or substantial restoration based on the life span of this type of facility and the probable amount of use.

6.0 Climate Change Impacts

Changes proposed in this proposal will have impacts, both positive and negative based on the approved designs. The negatives will be investigated to determine if there are alternatives that are preferred for climate change.

The majority of the proposed items will have positive climate change impacts, specifically additional tree planting, creation of open spaces, reduced grass cutting, planting of native species trees, bushes, grasses, etc. will provide a more robust park and will require less maintenance. There will be reduction in GHG by less grass cutting and trimming and improved climate health with the introduction of more trees.

7.0 Communications

This report is being published on a public agenda.

8.0 Conclusion

This proposed project starts putting increased parks and recreation facilities into MacLeod Park. This site has been the subject of a number of proposals with minimal improvement taking place. This plan starts the process towards a vision as provided in these concepts.

Some items such as the splash pad and other facilities that require substantial infrastructure to be installed including water and wastewater service will be subject to available capacity from the regional services. These are still good long-term goals and should continue to be investigated and not left on a shelf.

Staff propose to start with topographical surveying of the park along with geotechnical testing within the park.

Secondarily, staff propose this project be put out for RFP to complete design for the field and to create the tender documents and oversee the project on behalf of the Township.

9.0 Recommendation

Be it Resolved That Committee receive report 2025-PRF-021, and

That, Committee direct staff to include the proposed testing budget of \$25,000 in the 2026 Capital Budget submissions for deliberation and be funded by a draw from the MacLeod Park Reserve.

That, Committee direct staff to put out a Request for Proposal in 2026, for the design of a multi-purpose sports field and to provide design proposals to Council along with costing for construction and management of the project. Proposals shall include both lit and unlit field options.