



2025 Budget Request

Request: Tennis Courts and Boat Launch - LED Lighting Retrofit and Controlled Access

From: Zach Carson, Facilities Supervisor

Department: Community and Environmental Services

Total Financial Ask: \$60,000

Type of Budget Request: One Time Project

This document and its attachments are public and available in an accessible format upon request.

Background and Strategic Priority

This budget request is for improvements at two properties including replacing the four light fixtures at the tennis/pickleball courts with LEDs and introducing an alternative method for controlled access at the Balmy Beach boat launch.

Increase Available Community, Recreational and Social Opportunities

The Township of Georgian Bluffs is committed to building community through investment in recreation and community centres, and flexible use of community centres and playgrounds.

Objectives:

Provide enhanced recreational opportunities for residents:

(d) Continually improve public/open spaces to ensure accessibility and safety



Analysis

Tennis/Pickleball Court Lighting

The courts at Indian Falls Conservation Area (Balmy Beach) have four light fixtures that illuminate the courts so our facility users can extend their play into the evening. This is especially beneficial in the spring and fall when the weather is still good enough to play tennis and pickleball, but daylight hours would otherwise restrict the amount of playing time. The lights are connected to a timer, set by staff, when engaged the lights will operate during the specific time frame set on the timer. Converting to LED fixtures has a few benefits:

- energy efficiency.
- directional (light will only project down).
- no 'warm up' time.
- less maintenance as lifespan of fixture is much greater than metal halide or sodium alternatives.

Boat Launch Controlled Access

Currently, the Township sells permits for seasonal use of the boat launch in Balmy Beach. Users receive a key to access the facility and a numbered permit to affix to their watercraft trailer to confirm that they are seasonal users. 150 permits are sold per season, this grants the permit holder unlimited use between May and October. Daily, weekly, and monthly permits are not sold for this facility. This budget request would allow staff to investigate and implement an alternative solution for boat launch access. For example:

- Power gate entry exit control system- similar to what is used at the hospital or a parking garage.
- Smartphone Application or web-based paid parking solution- Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, Meaford, North Bruce Peninsula and other municipalities are using various provider services (examples include Honk Mobile, Hot Spot, Parkedin) to manage parking at their lots. Facility users can pay for parking by visiting a website or downloading an application on their device. Detailed signage in place (including QR code) to direct facility users to the service. Township staff can access a real-time database to ensure vehicles in the lot have in fact paid.

Both options would also allow for alternatives to the seasonal pass, allowing shorter term visitors to the area an option for a daily or weekly pass option.



Financial Impact

Staff is requesting a total of \$60,000 for these one-time projects, to be funded from each facility's reserve. Revenue collected from both facilities is placed into reserves for the purpose of site improvements such as these. Current approximate reserve balance for the boat launch is \$50,000 and tennis/pickleball courts is \$10,000.



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