



2024 Budget Request

Request: Shallow Lake Dog Park

Department: Community and Environmental Services

Request ID: CES2024BUDGET-C-03

Financial Ask: \$75,000

Funding Source: Capital – General Parks

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Background and Strategic Priority

In summer, 2023, Council was approached by community members in Shallow Lake to seek a dog park be developed in the former Shallow Lake athletic fields. A subsequent report to Council in November 2023, identified a dog park of approximately \$150,000 in value could be developed in the area, funded 50/50 with the Shallow Lake Village Improvement Committee. Council directed staff to bring this forward as part of Budget 2024.

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

(c) Implement recommendations arising from Recreation Master Plan.

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



The Recreation and Trails Master Plan Action #5 supports developing new recreational facilities in response to community demands.

Analysis

A staff report in November 2023, identified that a dog park of an approximate \$150,000 value could be developed in the former Athletic Fields in Shallow Lake. The dog park could support a small dog and a larger dog area and a small expansion to the parking area initially, and then be followed with enhancements such as tree planting, dog bag provision, a shelter, play elements for dogs, and seating.

The Shallow Lake Village Improvement Committee is keen to work with the Township in achieving the park and have already engaged fund raising activities. The Township would retain ultimate management responsibility for the facility and would complete the initial works, with the community fundraising to enhance the space over time.

The dog park would be the first in the community and would serve the wider Township as well as supporting visitors to Shallow Lake. Its location is ideal for supporting businesses in the village as well as encouraging visits to the Rail Trail.

Financial Impact

\$75,000 would enable staff to build the fenced enclosure area and enhance existing parking provision on site in 2024.



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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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