



2024 Budget Request

Request: Municipally Owned Parks Repairs and Improvements

Department: Community and Environmental Services

Request ID: CES2024BUDGET-C-06

Financial Ask: \$50,000

Funding Source: Capital – General Parks

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Background and Strategic Priority

The Township operates a ball diamond on the Shallow Lake Community Centre property. Various levels of softball and slo-pitch use the facility most days of the week between May and September.

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.

Multi-Year Accessibility Plan- Our Commitment to Accessibility

Through adoption of this Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, the Township of Georgian Bluffs renews its commitment to providing, to the greatest extent possible, municipal policies,



services, programs, and facilities that are accessible to residents, ratepayers, and visitors of all abilities. The Township recognizes and confirms its commitment to the core principles of the Province of Ontario's accessibility legislation:

4. Equal Opportunity –Persons with disabilities have opportunities to access services, programs, and facilities equal to those opportunities given to others.

Analysis

The ball diamond at Shallow Lake Community Centre has seen a steady increase of use over the past couple seasons. This includes both (minor) softball and slo-pitch groups. With repairs and improvements to the backstop, infield fencing, and bleachers the facility would see an improvement in facility user safety, accessibility, and functionality.

Both sets of bleachers are showing signs of deterioration (missing/loose blocks, cracking, etc.). New prefabricated aluminum bleachers can be installed and require far less maintenance compared to similar concrete, block, and wooden structures. Staff can investigate bleacher systems with accessible components.

The infield fence will be replaced with higher fencing to protect spectators and the nearby playground. The current fence is only about three feet high and line drives and overthrows easily clear the fence and go into the surrounding spectator area. Eight-foot-high fencing will ensure spectators and other facility users surrounding the ball diamond are safer by keeping baseballs within the field of play. The backstop needs some repairs and should be tended to at the same time, replacing the fencing and other damaged and missing fasteners and hardware.

Financial Impact

\$50,000 would be required to complete the necessary fencing and bleacher upgrades and repairs.



Report Approval Details

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

Samantha Buchanan, Treasurer

Niall Loble, Director of Community Services



Photo 1: Baseball diamond



Photo 2: Baseball diamond



Photo 3: Baseball diamond



Photo 4: Baseball stands and seating



Photo 5: Baseball stands and seating



Photo 6: Baseball stands and seating close up