

Information Report

Title: Dunsmoor Park Bandshell Revitalization

Report Number: Parks & Facilities-2024-14

Director: Community Services

Manager: Manager.

Meeting Date:

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Executive Summary:

The 5-year capital budget identifies a new pavilion be considered at Dunsmoor Park in 2027 with planning, consultation and design completed in 2026.

Context and Background Information:

Council has requested that Staff inform Council the status of Dunsmoor Park Bandshell revitalization.

Dunsmoor Park is comprised of both a bandshell pavilion as well as a shelter used for gatherings such as picnics.

Sing-a-longs are booked every Sunday from 7:00-9:00 PM running June 30th to September 1st annually. Most recently, staff have received requests for lighting for the bandshell to assist with lighting issues during the month of August. A temporary lighting system will be installed this year.

In 2022 there were 26 bookings at the park, in 2023 there were 19 bookings and so far for 2024 there are 18 bookings. These bookings are in addition to the Sing-a-Longs. When one of the buildings is booked, the second facility is automatically booked to avoid potential conflicts from multiple bookings at the same time.

The recently completed Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan identified all pavilions within the Municipality. It included Tiverton Sports Park (2), Connaught Park, Bruce Avenue/Legion Park, Dunsmoor Park (4), Reunion Park, Victoria Park and the Davidson Centre. The inventory of pavilions is of varying vintages, with some needing renewal.

Additionally, the Waterfront Master Plan (WMP) indicated that according to the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, if a “Development” or “Alteration” project is within an approximate regulated area or an approximate screening area, permission from the SVCA is

likely required prior to those works beginning. Staff will need to seek clarity from SVCA on permitted structures within Dunsmoor Park prior to proceeding with any plans.

It was noted in the WMP that Dunsmoor Park features a collection of aging shelters. Performances, music and sing-a-longs, gatherings, and picnicking were often amalgamated by participants. Worth noting, this area was also highlighted by nearly half of participants, to watch sunsets.

The 5-year capital forecast currently identifies a new pavilion at Dunsmoor in 2027 unless otherwise directed by Council. Community engagement, consultation and design drawings should be budgeted in 2026 to ensure sufficient preparation.

The overall plans need to consider connectivity to other areas of the waterfront as well as being universally accessible.

The included demonstration image leaves the pavilion in the same footprint but shifts it to be facing south.

The WMP also indicated that this space could offer a stage (or band shell) and events lawn to support community events and performances. Flexible seating, spaced for pop-up vendors, and temporary controlled access could be considered.

It has been reported that this area is susceptible to termites, and any proposed design should take this into consideration.

Legend

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| 1 Existing Washroom Facility | 11 Event Lawn |
| 2 Supplemented Tree Planting Along Existing Road | 12 Official Pedestrian Crossing |
| 3 Maintain Existing Parking | 13 Road Realignment |
| 4 Maintain Dune Gardens | 14 New Retaining Wall |
| 5 Maintain Boardwalk | 15 Dune Restoration |
| 6 Roundabout | 16 Existing Courts |
| 7 Shipping Container Market Vendors and Plaza | 17 New Playground |
| 8 Native Garden Bed | 18 Existing Parking |
| 9 Curved Beach Access Paths | 19 Existing Washroom Facility |
| 10 Marina Parking | 20 Bandshell Performance Stage |



Demonstration Image from the 2022 Waterfront Master Plan

Consultation Overview:

Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan as well as the Waterfront Master Plan

Origin:

Request by Council during 2024 budget deliberations.

Attachments: None

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