

Information Report

Title: Jumpstart Partnership for Tiny Tot Playground

Report Number: Parks & Facilities-2025-06

Director: Community Services

Manager: Manager.

Meeting Date:

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Executive Summary:

Staff are currently working with representatives from Jumpstart Canadian Tire to contribute towards upgrades at Tiny Tot Playground located at Macpherson Park.

Context and Background Information:

Staff presented to Council as part of the 2024 Budget a request to replace the existing aging playground equipment at Tiny Tot Park. It was suggested by a member of Council that staff collaborate with Jumpstart to determine if there was opportunity for funding.

Staff met with Jumpstart representatives several times during the past 12 months to establish a relationship and determine if Kincardine's project was in alignment with their program.

The Jumpstart Program was founded in 2005 to assist children overcome financial and accessibility barriers to sport and recreation to provide inclusive play for kids of all abilities.

Representatives from Jumpstart have indicated that the Kincardine project is an ideal candidate for their program and have expressed a desire to support it financially to increase the project beyond the \$400,000 confirmed by Council.

Jumpstart has recently been working through a realignment of their corporation and how they administer the funds and oversee projects. This has created a delay in providing a formal agreement, however staff anticipate receiving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from Jumpstart in the coming months, so that the project can proceed. Once the MOU is mutually agreed upon by both parties, Staff will present to Council for Council's approval. The project has been temporarily paused until an understanding between the parties is approved.

The project timelines targeted completion in 2024, however, it was determined that collaboration with a potential funder with an interest in increasing the scope of the project would be beneficial to help create a destination park for the community.

Consultation Overview:

Once an MOU is solidified, the project will include community engagement in developing an overall concept for the park. Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority will be consulted to determine if permits are required.

Origin:

2024 Budget - \$400,000 Capital Project

Attachments: None

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