

Staff Report to Council

Title: Step and Facilities Assessment Report

Report Number: Parks & Facilities-2025-12

Director: Community Services

Manager: Parks & Facilities

Meeting Date:
Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Date to be considered by Council:
Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Recommendation:

Recommendation 1 –

THAT Council receive the Step Assessment Report as presented by representatives from BM Ross; and

THAT staff be directed to incorporate the recommendations from the Step Assessment Report into departmental business plans and budget submissions.

Recommendation 2 –

THAT Council receive the Conditions Assessment Report for Facilities as presented by representatives from B.M. Ross.; and further

THAT staff be directed to incorporate the assessment information for facilities into updates to the municipal asset management plan, and further

THAT staff be directed to incorporate the recommendations from the Conditions Assessment Report for Facilities into departmental business plans and budget submissions.

Executive Summary:

Staff are seeking Council approval to receive the comprehensive assessments conducted on the beach stairways and municipal buildings. The assessments provide vital information necessary for considering maintenance priorities and strategic planning for age-critical infrastructure within the municipality. The reports highlight varying conditions, compliance issues with accessibility standards, and structural concerns that require systematic planning allocation.

Strategic Priorities:

C.8-Create vibrant parks, green space, recreation facilities and programs for residents or visitors of all ages and abilities

Financial Considerations:

Staff will strategically identify replacement and enhancement items in the multi-year capital budget to ensure a fiscally responsible approach is given to improvements.

Further strategic steps will be contingent on Council's funding decisions and prioritization.

Policy: N/A

Context and Background Information:

Building Assessment: Conducted across 15 facilities to update inventories, assess safety and structural integrity, and inform asset management plans.

Stairway Assessment: Evaluated 17 beach access points for code compliance, safety, and structural adequacy, highlighting needs for compliance with Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and potential safety hazards.

Consultation Overview:

The assessments have engaged structural engineers to evaluate physical conditions and compliance with the Ontario Building Code (OBC) and accessibility standards. The consultation brought attention to specific structural deficiencies and accessibility challenges that could affect public accommodation and safety.

Origin:

The initiative was driven by the need to prioritize and update municipal infrastructure in compliance with new and emerging statutory regulations and to ensure public safety and operational efficiency.

Implementation Considerations:

Strategic Planning: Requires integration with the Municipal Asset Management Plan.

Resource Allocation: Dependent on Council's directives regarding prioritization of critical infrastructure areas.

Compliance Measures: Need for addressing non-compliance with AODA and OBC prior to further degradation.

Risk Analysis:

Physical Risk: Safety hazards identified in the current structures could lead to public liability if unaddressed.

Operational Risk: Inaction could compromise municipal services and impact future development plans.

Attachments: Presentation
Step Assessment
Conditions Assessment

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