Subject: Kincardine & District Lions Club – Skate Park Request

Report Number: Parks and Recreation-2020-02

Meeting Date: Monday, March 16, 2020

Recommendation: THAT Council authorize the Kincardine & District Lions Club use of the Davidson Centre Lions Park lands for the future development of a youth skate park; AND FURTHER THAT the Lions Club work together with staff and outside agencies during the design/engineering scope of work for the project to secure the best location for a skate park.

Date to be considered by Council: Monday, March 16, 2020

Report Summary:

Staff is recommending that Council approve the recommendation which will allow the Kincardine & District Lions Club to work together with municipal staff and outside agencies during the design/engineering scope of work for the project to secure the best location for a youth skate park.

Origin: Lions Club delegation to Council Jan 27, 2020

Existing Policy: Council Approval

Background/Analysis: Lions Park is located at 601 Durham Street in Kincardine, on the same property as the Davidson Centre; which is owned and maintained by the Municipality of Kincardine.

In 2011, the Kincardine & District Lions Club presented a Lions Park 10 Year Improvement Plan to Council which included many initiatives they were recommending to Council for Lions Park which included at that time a splash pad, youth skate park, change/washrooms, equipment storage, improved parking, improved lighting, sidewalks/walkways, additional picnic shelter, basketball/ball hockey, landscaping and trees and park signage.

In August of 2012, Council passed the following motion:
THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Kincardine authorizes Kincardine & District Lions Club use of the Davidson Centre’s Lions Park lands for the future development of a splash pad;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality of Kincardine accept ownership, and operational and maintenance responsibility for improvements at the Davidson Centre’s Lions Park lands in support of the installation of a recreational splash pad.

There was no capital commitment made with the above approval for the Splash Pad, however, Council did allocate significant dollars to the construction phase of the project which occurred in 2015, and the Municipality pays for the annual operating costs of the Splash Pad.

The majority of the components listed within the 10-Year Improvement Plan have been completed with the exception of the youth skate park and an area for basketball/ball hockey.

On January 27, 2020 a delegation appeared before Council requesting reaffirmation of Council’s support for continued improvements to Lions Park and a motion to authorize the Kincardine & District Lions Club use of the Davidson Centre’s Park lands for potential future development of a skate park. The existing skate park was opened June 20, 1998 with the financial support of the Kincardine Optimist Club, Kincardine Rotary Club, Kincardine Cable T.V., and the former Town of Kincardine. The 20-year old skate park has been a spot for the youth of our community to showcase their talents, learn and perfect techniques as well as provide them with a meeting space. The skate park could use an upgrade and staff are supportive of the project.

The Lions Club has also suggested that the current skate park site could be developed into a ball hockey/basketball area. Staff & Councillor Kennedy have been approached about this site also being appropriate for pickleball courts, so there are recreational opportunities available for this site moving forward.

If Council approves the recommendation within this report it will allow the Lions Club to sit down with staff and review suitable locations within Lions Park and then work with required agencies if necessary (ie Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority) to address any potential concerns during the design and engineering scope of work for the project.

Community Plan and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) Considerations: To ensure the assets of the Municipality of Kincardine continue to be well promoted, valued, enhanced and supported.

Financial Implications: There are none at this time, however, it should be noted that future financial requests to Council for this project are possible as part of the annual capital budget process.

Attachments: None