

Appendix B

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Maple Leaf Pool

In 2019, Administration developed a detailed design for the replacement of Maple Leaf Pool, which incorporated feedback received from the community as well as sustainable design principles. The highest ranked proponent's cost resulting from the negotiated Request for Proposals was higher than the projected \$4.5 million that City Council approved through the 2020 capital budget. In response, Council approved an additional \$880,000 to be funded from the Recreation/Culture Program (CR20-16).

Harding Park Dog Park (previously approved through CM18-15)

Through the 2020 budget process, a municipal level dog park was approved for Harding Park. Municipal level dog parks are city-wide sites, with off-street parking, a 6' fence and trees, pathways and site furnishings appropriate for the size of the park. Engagement has begun on this project and has been limited to residents that back the site and the adjacent church.

To date, representatives from the 25 neighbouring properties have been invited to attend meetings with Administration. The feedback has been mixed, with approximately 8 of 25 properties not in support of the current plan. Administration has addressed some concerns by making changes to the design and ensuring that the park is set back from the adjacent properties. Specific concerns remain related to potential impacts on property values, traffic, and concerns about a potential unsightly and untidy site.

Administration is also in negotiations with the adjacent church regarding access to a parking lot for the dog park. Although an agreement has been reached in principle, it will take time to work through the details of an access agreement. If negotiations stall or an agreement cannot be reached, Administration will update Council and consider other potential options. Once negotiations are complete, consultation will be done with the wider community.

Public Art Program (previously approved through CR19-110)

This fund was approved by Council to be dedicated to renewing and expanding the City's Civic Art Collection, with a focus on public art. Public art activates public spaces, contributes to the beautification of streetscapes, and allows for shared cultural experiences among all residents and visitors. Funding will address both new acquisitions that fill gaps in the collection, and major rehabilitation of existing pieces, and decisions will be made in alignment with the Civic Art and Cultural Collections Policy. A Sector Reference Group will be established to provide advice on priorities and planning of the program.

Covid-19 relief

In response to Covid-19 financial impacts, a decision was made by Council to reduce the Recreation Infrastructure Program in 2020 by \$300,000 (CM-20-8).

Courtney Street Pathway Project (Previously approved CR19-86)

Installation of a new multi-use pathway along Courtney Street from Rink Avenue to Whelan Drive will be completed in 2020. When this project was shared with Council, a request was made to replace the existing crusher dust pathway from Whelan Drive to Mapleford Gate to a permanent paved surface. Funding from the Recreation/Culture program will be used to fund this portion of the work in conjunction with the new pathway construction.

Prince of Wales Drive Pedestrian Connectivity

Across the city there are a number of locations where sidewalks or pedestrian connections do not exist. This may be as a result of previous development standards, decision making processes or other changes to surrounding infrastructure that did not warrant installation at the time. The Pedestrian Connectivity Program was developed to address the infrastructure gap and accelerate addressing the need for sidewalks, by installing sidewalks or pathways on streets that have transit routes. The pedestrian connectivity projects being funded through this program include:

1. Prince of Wales Drive from Victoria Avenue to Eastgate Drive (east side of road only). Currently there is no pedestrian infrastructure on this section of road.
2. Prince of Wales Drive from Arens Road to Quance Street. This would be upgrading the existing gravel pathway to a paved asphalt multi-use pathway.

These projects will not only increase pedestrian connectivity related to transit routes but will also improve connectivity to the Sandra Schmirler Leisure Centre.

Wascana Pool Playground and Spraypad

Through the 2020 budget process Council approved funding for the renewal of Wascana Pool (CM18-15). Located just outside the fence of the former pool is an area where a playground used to be located. This play area was installed a number of years ago and over time play elements have been removed as they were in a state of disrepair. As part of the Wascana Pool Renewal, community feedback has been used to design a facility that is inclusive and will encourage residents to spend a day in the park. In order to build on this location as one that would encourage people to spend time at the park, Administration is seeking approval to construct an accessible playground and spraypad in the location of the former playground. This area will complement the work being done at Wascana Pool and will take advantage of cost savings, due to the close proximity to the pool construction. The space will also be designed in such a way that it can be connected to a proposed multi-purpose room and concession space. This will allow potential use of these spaces outside of the pool season. The total cost of this project is \$1.5 million, which if approved, would be funded over two years with \$100,000 being accessed from the Recreation/Culture Capital Program and \$566,000 from the Recreation Infrastructure Program in 2020 and \$834,000 in 2021.