

Recreation, Culture and Wellness Department

Wednesday, June 07, 2023

Subject: Recreation, Culture & Parks Master Plan Endorsement

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2023-0136- Recreation, for information;

AND THAT Council officially adopt the Town of Pelham Recreation, Culture & Parks Master Plan that will provide guidance through a ten year (2023-2032) outlook for municipal recreation, culture and parks facilities and services.

Background:

The Town of Pelham's Recreation, Culture & Parks Master Plan provides Council, Staff, community stakeholders and the public with meaningful guidance through a ten-year outlook for municipal recreation, culture and park facilities and services.

The Master Plan project began in the summer of 2022. Information gathering took place through Project Website, Community Surveys, Pop-up Consultations, Virtual Open House and Stakeholder Consultations.

The draft master plan was presented to Council on April 19, 2023, for input, then released for public feedback. Feedback was received through a public open house and written submissions. The final Master Plan was presented to Council on May 17th for information.

This report is now being presented to Council for the official adoption of the Town of Pelham's Recreation, Culture & Parks Master Plan (2023-2032).

Analysis:

The plan contains 59 recommendations with priority and timing identified for each. The recommendations are supported by background research and consultation. Many involve policies and practices (identified by the framework for Recreation in Canada audit). Most recommendations do not have direct cost implications, but alternative funding and cost-sharing are encouraged.

Financial Considerations:

At this time there are no financial considerations required.

Alternatives Reviewed:

Do not adopt Master plan

Strategic Plan Relationship: Enhancing Capacity and Future Readiness

The Master Plan provides a long-range vision, strategic direction, and coordinated guidance for decision making in areas vital to the local quality of life and identity.

Consultation:

Senior Management Team

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:

Final Recreation, Culture & Parks Master Plan

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