



AGENDA MATERIAL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MEETING DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

LOCATION: S. H. BLAKE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
(Council Chambers)

TIME: 6:30 PM



MEETING: Committee of the Whole

DATE: 16 December 2019

Reference No. COW - 3/51

CLOSED SESSION in the McNaughton Room at 5:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Closed Session

Chair: Councillor T. Giertuga

Closed Session Agenda Items for December 16, 2019 will be distributed separately to Members of Council and EMT only.

OPEN SESSION in S.H. Blake Memorial Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Administrative Services Session

Chair: Councillor M. Bentz

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Confirmation of Agenda - December 16, 2019 - Committee of the Whole **(Page 7)**

With respect to the December 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting No. 09-2019 of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee held on October 25, 2019, for information. **(Pages 8 – 13)**

Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meeting No. 06-2019 of the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee held on October 28, 2019, for information. **(Pages 14 – 20)**

Community Communications Committee Minutes

Minutes of Meetings No. 03-2019 and No. 04-2019 of the Community Communications Committee held on April 11, 2019 and May 6, 2019, respectively, for information. **(Pages 21 – 27)**

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Potential Future Uses - Dease Pool/Park Site

Report No. R 174/2019 (Community Services - Recreation & Culture) recommending that subject to Council approval of the proposed 2020 capital budget, Administration proceed with the decommissioning and demolition of the former Dease Pool site at an estimated cost of \$260,000 and that Administration continue to deliver enhanced programming initiatives within the existing budget and/or the successful leveraging of funds acquired through partnership(s) or as a result of successful application to external sources. **(Pages 28 – 104)**

With respect to Report No. R 174/2019 Potential Future Uses – Dease Pool/Park Sites (Community Services – Recreation and Culture), we recommend that:

Subject to Council approval of the proposed 2020 capital budget, Administration proceed with the decommissioning and demolition of the former Dease Pool site at an estimated cost of \$260,000;

AND THAT Administration continue to deliver enhanced programming initiatives within the existing budget and/or the successful leveraging of funds acquired through partnership(s) or as a result of successful application to external sources;

AND THAT Administration be directed to continue to consult with the community on a revised and more detailed concept plan for the Dease Park and Dease Pool sites, as suggested in this report, and report back on a proposed phased park re-development approach and financial implications in Q3 2020;

AND THAT as a result of more refined planning, Administration confirm whether the Dease Pool lands should be re-developed to meet the community's recreation needs or be declared surplus;

AND THAT, with respect to the memorandum from Mr. A. Cotter, Chair Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC), dated June 28, 2019, we recommend that as an alternative to designation, maintaining a similar community use of the Dease Pool property be explored, and a more refined concept plan of the Dease Park and/or Pool sites include commemoration of the cultural history of Dease Pool, and that the Heritage Advisory Committee be consulted on the form, content, and location of that commemoration;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

55 Plus Centre Hot Lunch Program & South Side Reserve Funds

Report No. R 184/2019 (Community Services - Recreation and Culture) recommending that \$19,807.76 be allocated from the 55 Plus Centre Food Program Reserve fund via appropriation #26 for half of the total cost of the renovation of the outdoor patio and pergola and construction of a new garbage/recycling shed. **(Pages 105 – 108)**

With respect to Report No. 184/2019 (Community Services – Recreation & Culture), we recommend that \$19,807.76 be allocated from the 55 Plus Centre Food Program Reserve fund via appropriation #26 for half of the total cost of the renovation of the outdoor patio and pergola and construction of a new garbage/recycling shed;

AND THAT \$10,000 be allocated from the 55 Plus South Side Centre Reserve Fund via appropriation #26 for purchase of program equipment;

AND THAT any necessary By-law updates be presented to City Council for ratification.

Tbaytel Dividend Model

Report No. R 156/2019 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services) providing information relative to the above noted and recommending that the Tbaytel Dividend policy be revised. **(Pages 109 – 112)**

With respect to Report R 156/2019 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care – Financial Services) and 2019CLS.035 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care), we recommend that the revised Tbaytel Dividend Policy as contained within this report and encompassing three major elements (a Fixed Annual Dividend, a Performance Dividend and a Special Dividend) be approved;

AND THAT the revised Dividend Policy serve as a direction to the Tbaytel Municipal Services Board for purposes of payment of future Dividends to the City of Thunder Bay;

AND THAT a review of the Tbaytel Dividend policy be undertaken every two years;

AND THAT the next review occurs in conjunction with the 2021 Third Quarter update from Tbaytel;

AND THAT the Annual Fixed Dividend in excess of \$17.75 million be transferred to the General Capital Reserve Fund;

AND THAT the Performance and Special Dividends continue to be directed to the Renew Thunder Bay Reserve Fund;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

2020 Interim Tax Levy

Report No. 178/2019 (Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Revenue) recommending an interim tax levy and due dates for 2020. **(Pages 113 – 115)**

WITH respect to R 178/2019 (Revenue) we recommend that the 2020 interim tax levy be established at 50% of the 2019 final tax obligation;

AND THAT the 2020 interim tax levy be due in two installments, March 4 and May 6;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

FIRST REPORTS

City of Thunder Bay Program and Service Review – Phase One Interim Report

At the December 2, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, Report No. R 181/2019 (City Manager's Office) relative to the Phase One Interim Report on the City Program and Service Review was introduced as a 'first report' to allow Committee of the Whole and the general public time to consider the implications of the report before the recommendations are considered by Committee of the Whole on December 16, 2019.

Attachment A – City Program and Service Review, Phase One Interim Report, Grant Thornton, December 2, 2019 was distributed separately on Monday, December 2, 2019.

Report No. R 181/2019 (City Manager's Office) relative to the above noted, re-presented. **(Pages 116 – 120)**

Letter received from Mr. D. Vacek, President - CUPE Local 87, dated December 9, 2019 requesting to appear before Committee relative to the above noted. **(Pages 121)**

With respect to Report No. R 181/2019 (City Manager's Office) we recommend that the Grant Thornton Phase One Interim Report (Attachment A) on the City Program and Service Review be received;

AND THAT Grant Thornton be directed to proceed with the Phase Two review of key areas as outlined in the Interim Report (Attachment A);

AND THAT the Interim Report be published to the Get Involved section of the City's website and be provided to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Audit and Accountability Fund to seek reimbursement of costs eligible from the Province for municipal reviews;

AND THAT Report No. R 181/2019 (City Manager's Office) be presented at the December 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Permission to allow deputation: Evergreen – A United Neighbourhood

Memorandum from Councillor S. Ch'ng, dated December 4, 2019 containing a motion recommending that Committee of the Whole waive Section 5.08 (c.2) of the Procedural By-law to allow for a deputation from Evergreen- A United Neighbourhood and a second motion recommending that funding of \$20,000 be committed to Evergreen within the 2020 Proposed Budget. **(Pages 122 – 124)**

With respect to hearing a deputation from Evergreen- A United Neighbourhood, we recommend that City Council waive Section 5.08 (c.2) of the Procedural By-law to allow for a deputation notwithstanding the subject matter being subject to an existing funding program - Community & Cultural Funding Program

Motion to consider providing additional funding to Evergreen for 2020:

With respect to the decrease in funding to Evergreen as a result of the discontinued Community Social Reinvestment Program from TBDSSB, we recommend that funding of \$20,000 be committed to Evergreen within the 2020 Proposed Budget;

AND THAT these dollars be in addition to funding approved by the Community, Youth and Cultural Funding Program;

AND THAT the \$20,000 of funding be allocated from the stabilization reserve fund;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

Motion - Update from Administration - Zoning By-law

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated December 6, 2019 requesting that City Council receive a short presentation from Administration relative to the updated Zoning By-law for the City of Thunder Bay. **(Pages 125 – 126)**

2019 Management Review Report - DWQMS - City of Thunder Bay Bare Point Water Treatment Plant and Distribution Subsystem

Memorandum from Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations dated December 5, 2019, providing a review of the Drinking Water Quality Management System for the City of Thunder Bay, for information. **(Pages 127 – 129)**

Municipal Hazardous or Special Wastes Program Update

Memorandum from Mr. J. Sherband, Manager - Solid Waste and Recycling Services, dated December 5, 2019 providing information relative to the Provincial Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Program, for information. **(Pages 130 – 132)**

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

MEETING DATE 12/16/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT Confirmation of Agenda

SUMMARY

Confirmation of Agenda - December 16, 2019 - Committee of the Whole

RECOMMENDATION

With respect to the December 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.



MEETING DATE 12/16/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT 50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee Minutes

SUMMARY

Minutes of Meeting No. 09-2019 of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee held on October 25, 2019, for information.

ATTACHMENTS

1 50th ACSC minutes Oct 25 2019

DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019 MEETING NO. 09-2019

TIME: 1:04 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM
CITY HALL – 3RD FLOOR
500 DONALD STREET EAST

CHAIR: COUNCILLOR S. CH'NG

PRESENT:

Councillor S. Ch'ng, Chair
Ms. C. Olsen, Acting Director – Corporate
Strategic Services
Ms. K. Power, Deputy City Clerk
Ms. B. Baker, Clean, Green & Beautiful
Committee
Mr. P. Burke, Sport & Community Development
Supervisor
Ms. L. Hayes, Community Representative,
Confederation College Board of Governors
Ms. S. Levanen, Supervisor – Corporate
Communications
Ms. S. Reid, Digital And Travel Media Officer
Mr. M. Szybalski, Corporate Records Manager &
City Archivist
Mr. T. Tronrud, Director – Thunder Bay Museum

RESOURCE PERSONS:

Ms. K. Chiappetta, Kari Chiappetta Consulting

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:

Ms. L. Lavoie, Committee Coordinator

1.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Mr. M. Szybalski
SECONDED BY: Ms. L. Hayes

With respect to the October 25, 2019 50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the 50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee Meeting No. 08-2019 held on September 27, 2019, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Ms. S. Reid
SECONDED BY: Mr. M. Szybalski

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 08-2019 held on September 27, 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

4.0 BRANDING, BANNERS AND PROMOTION

Ms. S. Levanen, Supervisor – Corporate Communications provided an update relative to the above-noted. She informed the committee that a media launch is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Members of the committee were invited to attend. Councillor S. Ch’ng, Chair – 50th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee and Mayor B. Mauro will speak, the 50th Anniversary logo will be unveiled, the 50th Anniversary pull-up banners will be displayed and details about celebration activities will be announced.

Ms. S. Levanen noted that two local companies have been chosen produce 50th Anniversary t-shirts and hats. She circulated product samples from Ungalli Clothing Co. and Lost Art.

The 50th Anniversary section of the City website is ready and it will be the main place to go for information about 50th Anniversary events.

Mr. P. Burke, Sport & Community Development Supervisor spoke about the 50th anniversary theme at City events in 2020 and noted that the call to artists for Snow Day specified a 50th Anniversary theme. He also pointed out that the cover of The Key will incorporate a 50th Anniversary theme throughout 2020.

Ms. C. Olsen, Acting Director – Corporate Strategic Services and Ms. K. Power, City Clerk will provide an update on 50th Anniversary planning to City Council via a PowerPoint presentation at the November 4, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

5.0 NEW YEAR’S DAY KICK-OFF EVENT

The committee discussed ideas for daytime events on January 1, 2019, including a family skating event at a City arena.

6.0 INTAKE PROCESS

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk provided an update relative to the intake process for requests for funding.

It was the consensus of committee that individuals and organizations requesting funding for 50th Anniversary themed events shall be directed to apply for Project Grants via the Community, Youth and Culture Grant program.

Mr. P. Burke, Sport & Community Development Supervisor noted that the deadline for the next intake period is March 2020. He added that City Council will be asked for approval to allow eligibility for organizations that are in the sustaining grant category, as they are currently ineligible for a 50th Anniversary Project Grant.

There was discussion relative to enhancing the Project Grants category in the Community, Youth, and Cultural Funding Program by providing \$20,000 for 50th Anniversary projects.

MOVED BY: Ms. L. Hayes
SECONDED BY: Mr. T. Tronrud

THAT \$20,000 be provided to the Community, Youth and Culture Grant program for enhanced Project Grant funding for 50th Anniversary themed events.

CARRIED

7.0 50TH ANNIVERSARY BEER

Ms. S. Levanen, Supervisor – Corporate Communications provided an update relative to the 50th Anniversary beer by Sleeping Giant Brewing Co. The subcommittee selected a pilsner following a tasting on October 10, 2019. Generator is working on label design.

8.0 DIGITAL TOUR APP

Ms. S. Reid, Digital & Travel Media Officer provided an update relative to the digital tour app. Funds have been received from all contributors and app design work is well underway. Ms. L. Abthorpe, Heritage Researcher is in the process of finalizing the walking tours.

9.0 MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Ms. S. Levanen, Supervisor – Corporate Communications provided an update relative to the above-noted. 20-25 photos will be promoted on the City website and some will be featured in the Walleye and on local radio.

10.0 VISITING FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ms. S. Reid, Digital and Travel Media Officer provided an update relative to the above-noted. An e-invitation is being developed. The e-invitation may be emailed or used on social media to invite friends and family to visit Thunder Bay in 2020. A physical postcard will not be produced, as originally considered.

Ambassadors will be engaged to participate in the family and friends promotion. A video inviting people to Thunder Bay will be produced featuring Mayor Bill Mauro.

The tourism website will have resources for hosts of visiting family and friends.

Production of the 2020 edition of Experience magazine is underway. The stories will have a 50th anniversary angle and the cover will have a vintage look to complement the 50th Anniversary theme.

11.0 CULMINATING EVENT

Mr. P. Burke, Sport & Community Development Supervisor noted that Fort William Historical Park (FWHP) is the City's first choice for a partner for a culminating event on December 31, 2020. Ms. K. Power, City Clerk has reached out to FWHP and is awaiting a response.

12.0 LEGACY PROJECTS

Ms. S. Levanen, Supervisor – Corporate Communications provided an update relative to the new City mascot. Following consultation with the Indigenous community, a mascot has been chosen. Once the colour and final design are determined, production will begin and will take approximately three weeks. The aim is to introduce the mascot to the public on January 1, 2020.

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk is in the process of gathering costs for the following legacy project ideas: Selfie-spot frames, Thunder Bay sign, large flag pole at Intercity area.

Regarding curriculum development for local teachers, Ms. K. Power recommended that an amalgamation package be developed and released to coincide with Local Government Week in October 2020.

13.0 OTHER ANNIVERSARIES, COMMUNITY EVENTS AND UPDATES

Ms. K. Power, City Clerk noted that the Official Recognition Committee plans to host an event to recognize volunteers with 50 or more years of experience. Ms. O.

Sawchuk, Official Recognition Committee will provide more details to the committee at a future meeting.

Mr. P. Burke, Sport & Community Development Supervisor informed the committee that Snow Day in 2020 will be expanded to two days, including evening activities. He also noted that he is still waiting to hear if the Snowbirds will be available for an August Homecoming event.

Ms. S. Levanen, Supervisor – Corporate Communications pointed out that the 50th Anniversary category on the City’s online event calendar should be active within one week.

14.0 REVIEW TASK LIST

Ms. C. Olsen, Acting Director – Corporate Strategic Services noted that the task list has been revamped and will be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

15.0 NEW BUSINESS

16.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is November 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the McNaughton Room, 3rd Floor City Hall.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.



MEETING DATE 12/16/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee Minutes

SUMMARY

Minutes of Meeting No. 06-2019 of the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee held on October 28, 2019, for information.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Anti-Racism & Respect Minutes

DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2019

MEETING NO. 06-2019

TIME: 12:06 P.M.

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL

CHAIR: JASON VELTRI

PRESENT:

Ms. Carol Audet, *Matawa First Nations*
Mr. Jonathan Erua, *Human Rights and Equity – Lakehead University*
Ms. Kristin Fisher, *Indigenous Students – Confederation College*
Ms. Tannis Kastern, *Fort William First Nation*
Mr. Chris Krumpholz, *Community Representative*
Ms. Angie Lynch, *Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic*
Mr. Moffat Makuto, *Regional Multicultural Youth Association*
Ms. Melanie Mayhew-Hammond, *Community Representative*
Mr. Jason Veltri, *Community Representative*
Ms. Anita Muggeridge, *Thunder Bay Multicultural Association*
Ms. Michelle McGuire, *TB Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee*
Mr. Ryan Scott, *Community Representative*

OFFICIALS:

Mr. Norm Gale, City Manager
Ms. Regina Mandamin, Manager – Indigenous Relations & Inclusion
Ms. Ann Magiskan, Aboriginal Liaison
Ms. Annette Pateman, Aboriginal Liaison Strategy Coordinator
Mr. Jeff Howie, Policy Assistant to the Mayor
Ms. Maureen Nadin, Committee Resource
Ms. Katie Piche, Committee Coordinator

GUESTS:

Ms. Heran Zhao, Ms. Yamaan Alsumadi, *Regional Multicultural Youth Council*
Mr. Dylan Mazur, *Director - Human Rights & Equity*
Mr. James Plourde, *Oshki Anishnawbeg Student Association*

1.0 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. There were no disclosures of interest declared at this time. A roundtable of introductions followed, including the introduction of the Committee’s newest member, Mr. Ryan Scott – Community Representative.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: Ms. T. Kastern
SECONDED BY: Mr. C. Krumpholz

With respect to the October 28, 2019 meeting of the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed, as amended.

CARRIED

3.0 WALK A MILE PRESENTATION

Ms. A. Magiskan, Aboriginal Liaison provided an overview.

Chapter One of Walk a Mile was viewed.

Ms. A. Magiskan advised that she will be leaving her position as the City's Aboriginal Liaison. Members of the Committee thanked Ms. Magiskan for all of her hard work in the Community over the years.

4.0 COMMITTEE FOCUS

The Chair provided information relative to moving forward as a Committee, driving initiatives and starting conversations with Council.

5.0 PROPOSED INDIGENOUS RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. R. Mandamin, Manager – Indigenous Relations & Inclusion provided an overview relative to a proposed Indigenous Relations Advisory Committee. The following items were discussed:

- Declaration of commitment – creating an inclusive community
- Great work by City
- Truth & Reconciliation – calls to action
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- Seven Youth Inquest
- How to be sustainable, streamline operations
- Cultural protocols

A discussion was held regarding process, facilitation, staffing, and goals of a new Committee.

MOVED BY: Mr. C. Krumpholz
SECONDED BY: Councillor C. Fraser

THAT the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee supports the creation of an Advisory Committee related directly to addressing the needs of Indigenous peoples in the City of Thunder Bay and improving community relations;

AND THAT the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee supports that the Indigenous Relations Advisory Committee include but not be limited to key Indigenous partners, Elders, community members and leading Indigenous service organizations;

AND THAT the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee strongly supports that the Manager of Indigenous Relations & Inclusion include the proposed development of the

Indigenous Relations Advisory Committee in the new Indigenous Liaison Strategy and Work Plan to be presented to City Council;

AND THAT the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee collaborate with the Indigenous Relations Advisory Committee on racism and other matters of mutual interest.

CARRIED

6.0 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

The Chair advised that this item would be deferred until the January 2020 meeting, as there is only one meeting remaining for the year before Chair and Vice-Chair elections.

7.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 05-2019 of the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee held on September 30, 2019 to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Mr. C. Krumpholz
SECONDED BY: Ms. A. Muggeridge

THAT the Minutes of Meetings No. 05-2019 of the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee, held on September 30, 2019, be confirmed.

CARRIED

8.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

8.1 Terms of Reference

Report No. R 160/2019 – Terms of Reference – Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee will be presented to Committee of the Whole on November 25, 2019 for Council’s consideration. The final copy of the report will be provided to the Committee at the November meeting.

8.2 City of Thunder Bay Boards & Committees – Application Form

At the September 30, 2019, it was noted that the “Application for Appointment to a City of Thunder Bay Board, Committee or Commission” states that applicants must be a resident or property owner within the City of Thunder Bay, which creates a barrier for

residents who may not live directly in Thunder Bay, but have an interest in the community and in being on a Committee.

MOVED BY: Ms. T. Kastern
SECONDED BY: Councillor C. Fraser

We recommend that the City of Thunder Bay consider changing the residency requirements on the application form for Thunder Bay's Boards and Committees of Council to include residents that reside within Fort William First Nation;

AND THAT this resolution be presented to Committee of the Whole for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

9.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATE – CARL CRAWFORD PRESENTATION

Ms. M. Nadin, Committee Resource provided an update relative the Working Group's first meeting, held on October 24, 2019. The possible topics for the presentation include the following:

- Poverty
- Domestic Violence
- Conscious and Unconscious bias
- Leadership
- Inclusion and Diversity
- Restorative justice for communities

The specific dates need to be confirmed for the presentation, which will be held in Spring 2020. The possible dates are April 21-23, 2020 or April 28-30, 2020.

It was noted that working group would like to include Members of Council, Accord and Committee members to the event.

10.0 ONE CITY, MANY VOICES

Councillor R. Johnson advised the Committee that Diversity Thunder Bay is interested in coordinating an event for all authors of One City, Many Voices. All articles would be on display at the event. Councillor Johnson will follow up with Diversity Thunder Bay and will advise them that the Anti-Racism & Respect Advisory Committee is on board with this event and can assist with the event when required.

Further updates will be provided, when available.

11.0 CITY OF THUNDER BAY 2019 - 2022 STRATEGIC PLAN

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

12.0 INCIDENT REPORTING WORKING GROUP

Minutes of the Incident Reporting Working Group Meeting held on October 9, 2019 were provided, via email, for information.

13.0 2019 – 2023 WORK PLAN

At the May 27, 2019 meeting, members were asked to review the work plan and bring any updates, revisions or completions to the next meeting.

It was noted that the timelines on the work plan need to be updated. No other revisions to the work plan were made.

14.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. C. Krumpholz advised of two training sessions available and asked if anyone from the Committee was interested in attending. The training sessions were relative to Radicalization of Violence and a session entitled “What If I was Wrong?”
- Councillor Cody Fraser – Ward Meeting October 29 - Vickers Heights Community Centre
- Multicultural Youth Council provided an overview relative to their deputation to Council on September 30, 2019, which was relative to creating a fund specifically for addressing racism in the community.
- Mr. James Plourde introduced himself to the Committee from the Oshki Anishnawbeg Student Association at Confederation College. He will be attending Committee meetings with Committee member Kristin Fisher.
- Ms. Annette Pateman advised that it would be her last meeting as the Aboriginal Liaison Strategy Coordinator for the City of Thunder Bay. Poetry readings were presented to the Committee.

15.0 NEW BUSINESS

There were no items of new business brought forward.

16.0 NEXT MEETING

Committee meetings are held on the last Monday of each month, except July, August, and December, commencing at 12:00 p.m. in the McNaughton Room, 3rd Floor of City Hall. The next meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, November 25, 2019

The first meeting in 2020 will be tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2020. The full 2020 meeting schedule will be presented at the November meeting for the Committee's review and approval.

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.



MEETING DATE 12/16/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT Community Communications Committee Minutes

SUMMARY

Minutes of Meetings No. 03-2019 and No. 04-2019 of the Community Communications Committee held on April 11, 2019 and May 6, 2019, respectively, for information.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Comm Comm minutes Apr 11 2019
- 2 Comm Comm minutes May 6 2019

DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 **MEETING NO. 3-2019**

TIME: 5:05 PM

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM

CHAIR: COUNCILLOR S. CH'NG

PRESENT:

Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor C. Fraser
Councillor B. Hamilton

OFFICIALS:

Mr. J. Hannam, City Clerk
Ms. K. Lewis, Director – Corporate Strategic Services
Ms. S. Levanen, Supervisor - Corporate Communications
Ms. L. Lavoie, Committee Coordinator

GUESTS:

Councillor A. Aiello
Ms. A. Nason, Communications Officer

1.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Councillor M. Bentz
SECONDED BY: Councillor C. Fraser

With respect to the April 11, 2019 Community Communications Committee meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED BY: Councillor C. Fraser
SECONDED BY: Councillor M. Bentz

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2019 of the Community Communications Committee held on March 14, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

4.0 PROMOTION OF ONGOING PUBLIC WORKS – PROJECT PROPOSAL

A draft memorandum from Councillor A. Aiello to Members of Council, dated March 11, 2019 containing a motion relative to the above-noted was distributed separately at the March 14, 2019 committee meeting, for information.

It was the consensus of Committee to invite Councillor A. Aiello to the April 11, 2019 committee meeting to discuss the proposed project.

Draft memorandum from Councillor A. Aiello, dated March 11, 2019, represented.

Councillor A. Aiello presented the following concept relative to proposed weekly promotion of public works projects:

- Promote specific work in specific ward
- Different ward each week
- Proposed promotion would run from May until October
- Specific crew, identified by vests
- Opportunity for residents to give feedback
- High profile event to promote INOPS crews and the work they do
- Locations advertised to encourage public to stop by and meet crew

There was discussion relative to logistical and financial implications of proposed promotion. The committee agreed that it is important to provide information to the public about work the City is doing. It was noted that TBay Bulletin on Youtube is a platform that Corporate Communications currently uses to highlight specific public works projects.

5.0 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Ms. S. Levanen, Supervisor – Corporate Communications provided a demonstration of public engagement software which has been integrated into the City website in the Get Involved section.

The Get Involved section offers opportunities for members of the public to provide feedback on proposed projects in the community. Posts show who is listening by listing names and photos of members of Administration who are associated with each project.

Individuals must register and sign in to be involved in discussions in the Get Involved section.

6.0 COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Document entitled Stats on Key City Channels, which presents a snapshot of communications statistics from 2018, was distributed separately at the meeting.

Ms. S. Levanen, Supervisor – Corporate Communications highlighted some of the statistics, including 6000 unique daily visitors to the City website, 11387 followers on Facebook and 98417 views on Youtube.

There was discussion relative to the mytbay citizen newsletter. It was noted that physical copies of the newsletter are distributed every two months in the Chronicle Journal and they are available around the city in various locations. It was also noted that content in mytbay is used in other platforms, such as Facebook and posters.

Ms. K. Lewis, Director - Corporate Strategic Services informed those present that the 2019-2022 Community Communications Plan is being developed. There was an initial discussion relative to key elements to include in the plan, including the use of plain language in the City's key documents and communications to the public.

7.0 2019 CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

Ms. K. Lewis, Director – Corporate Strategic Services provided an update relative to the 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey.

The survey is more than half complete with approximately one week left. The on-line version of the survey is expected to begin on April 15, 2019 and will be available in the Get Involved section of the City website.

IPSOS will present the survey results to Council at the May 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. Results will be shared with the Community Communications Committee on the same day, prior to the presentation to Council.

8.0 REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of Reference, revised April 9, 2019 were distributed with the agenda. The revision includes the addition of two citizen appointees.

MOVED BY: Councillor M. Bentz
SECONDED BY: Councillor C. Fraser

That the Community Communications Committee accepts the Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

Ms. K. Lewis, Director – Corporate Strategic Services will provide orientation for the two new members once they are appointed to the committee.

9.0 MEETING CALENDAR

The following meeting dates are scheduled for the remainder of 2019:

May 6 (pre-COW meeting with IPSOS)

June 13

September 12

November 14

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.0 NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6 at 4 p.m. in the McNaughton Room.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

DATE: MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019 **MEETING NO. 4-2019**

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: MCNAUGHTON ROOM

CHAIR: COUNCILLOR S. CH'NG

PRESENT:

Councillor M. Bentz
Councillor S. Ch'ng
Councillor C. Fraser
Councillor B. Hamilton

OFFICIALS:

Mr. N. Gale, City Manager
Mr. J. Hannam, City Clerk
Ms. K. Lewis, Director – Corporate Strategic Services
Ms. S. Levanen, Supervisor – Corporate Communications
Ms. L. Lavoie, Committee Coordinator

GUESTS:

Ms. D. MacDonald, Director – Ipsos Public Affairs Division

1.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

2.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Councillor C. Fraser
SECONDED BY: Councillor M. Bentz

With respect to the May 6, 2019 Community Communications Committee meeting, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

3.0 2019 CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

Ms. K. Lewis, Director – Corporate Strategic Services introduced Ms. D. MacDonald, Director – Ipsos Public Affairs Division.

Ms. D. MacDonald provided a preview of a PowerPoint presentation relative to the 2019 Citizen Satisfaction Survey, highlighted key findings and responded to questions. She will provide the PowerPoint presentation at Committee of the Whole to be held later in the evening.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.0 NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the McNaughton Room.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

DEPARTMENT/ DIVISION	Community Services – Recreation and Culture	REPORT NO.	R 174/2019
DATE PREPARED	11/01/2019	FILE NO.	
MEETING DATE	12/16/2016 (mm/dd/yyyy)		
SUBJECT	Potential Future Uses - Dease Pool/Park Sites		

RECOMMENDATION

With respect to Report No. R 174/2019 Potential Future Uses – Dease Pool/Park Sites (Community Services – Recreation and Culture), we recommend that:

Subject to Council approval of the proposed 2020 capital budget, Administration proceed with the decommissioning and demolition of the former Dease Pool site at an estimated cost of \$260,000;

AND THAT Administration continue to deliver enhanced programming initiatives within the existing budget and/or the successful leveraging of funds acquired through partnership(s) or as a result of successful application to external sources;

AND THAT Administration be directed to continue to consult with the community on a revised and more detailed concept plan for the Dease Park and Dease Pool sites, as suggested in this report, and report back on a proposed phased park re-development approach and financial implications in Q3 2020;

AND THAT as a result of more refined planning, Administration confirm whether the Dease Pool lands should be re-developed to meet the community’s recreation needs or be declared surplus;

AND THAT, with respect to the memorandum from Mr. A. Cotter, Chair Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC), dated June 28, 2019, we recommend that as an alternative to designation, maintaining a similar community use of the Dease Pool property be explored, and a more refined concept plan of the Dease Park and/or Pool sites include commemoration of the cultural history of Dease Pool, and that the Heritage Advisory Committee be consulted on the form, content, and location of that commemoration;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Council with information regarding proposed future uses of the Dease Pool/Park site based on developments arising since Council's approval to close the Dease Pool in 2018 (Report 124/2018) – specifically, the results of enhanced park programming delivered in the McKellar ward since spring 2019, recommendations from the Heritage Advisory Committee, and public feedback regarding a proposed Dease Pool/Park site re-development concept plan.

DISCUSSION

Enhanced Park Programming McKellar Ward - 2019

Administration consulted with residents of the Dease Park area community between February – March 2019 to inform the proposed enhanced park program plan for 2019. Based on an operating budget of \$52,000 and public input, staff delivered the following, new, complementary programming to the community surrounding Dease Park:

Scheduled Drop-In Programs - No Fees; Simple Registration Process

Target Age Group 5 – 12 years

1. Swim, Bike, Fun! in partnership with Eco Superior – Thursdays, July – August; Dease Park to Art Widnall Pool; 7 unique participants, 24 registrations.
2. Playgrounds – Tuesdays & Thursdays, July – August; Dease Park; 33 unique participants; daily attendance 0 – 19.
3. Playgrounds - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, July; Fort William Curling Club; 10 unique participants; daily attendance 0 – 2.
4. Kids Nights in partnership with several organizations – Wednesdays, November – December; McKellar Park School Gymnasium; results pending.

Target Age Group 12 – 18 years

1. Youth Move – Community BBQ in partnership with Science North and Evergreen a United Neighbourhood – Wednesdays and Fridays, July – August; Dease Park; majority of participants younger than target age group; daily attendance 0 - 8 with exception of Science North (50).

In addition, the following special events were delivered/are planned through the Recreation and Culture Division in partnership with others:

1. Family Skates - Fort William Gardens - April 15, November 2, December 7
2. Longest Day of Play Transit Shuttle to Canada Games Complex - June 21
3. Movie Night - Dease Park – August 28
4. Fall Festival - Dease Park – September 28
5. Canada Games Complex Birthday Party Shuttle - October 26

6. Paint Nite - McKellar Park School Gymnasium - November 16
7. Winter Wonderland - McKellar Park School Gymnasium - December 14

With the exception of the Canada Games Complex Birthday Shuttle, average attendance at events ranged from 100 – 200. The majority of participants were families with young children.

Events were also implemented by Councillor Hamilton and the Rebuild Dease Pool Group at the Dease Pool/Dease Park sites during this past year.

Based on the initial enhanced programming initiatives, staff have provided feedback. In general, successes included: consistent attendance by children and associated parental engagement for programs aimed at the 5 – 12 year age group; the neighbourhood’s strong interest in special events that bring the community together; willingness of partners to support programming in this area; and the diversity of programming opportunities available. Challenges included the promotion of program opportunities to the neighbourhood; the limited park infrastructure (eg no running water or shelter in Dease Park, lack of onsite storage facilities for program equipment); and the limited participation of area youth (12 – 18 years).

Neighbourhood Demographics

To inform future park programming and the draft Dease Pool/Park concept plan, Administration reviewed the current and forecasted demographics for the area. Staff defined the approximate 1.29 square mile ‘Dease neighbourhood’ as being bounded by the McIntyre River to the north, May Street to the east, Victoria Avenue East to the south, and Waterloo/CN Rail Line to the west.

The 2019 population for this catchment area is estimated to be 3,744, representing 1,816 households with an average household size of 2.1 persons or 1,001 families with an average family size of 2.7. A minor decline in population, households and families is forecasted for 2024 (-0.10 percent decline).

The following is a profile of the 2019 and forecasted 2024 neighbourhood population by age:

Age	2019	2024
0 – 4 years	5.58%	5.26%
5 – 9 years	5.13%	5.29%
10 – 14 years	4.73%	5.02%
15 – 19 years	4.49%	4.51%
20 – 29 years	15.7%	12.65%
30 – 54 years	33.97%	35.31%
55+ years	30.39%	32.04%

Source: 2019 Esri Reports © based in whole or in part on Selected Statistics Canada files.

The median, annual household income in 2019 is \$54,385 and the average household income is \$65,053.

First languages were identified by residents as English (90%), Aboriginal dialects (31%), and French (2%). Just under 7% of residents identified as being an immigrant. The most common ethnic origins identified were Filipino (49%), Southeast Asian (22%) and Latin American (12%).

Draft Concept Plan – Dease Pool/Park Site

To inform potential future uses of the Dease Pool/Park Site, Administration developed a draft concept plan for the Dease Pool/Park site to share with the public and obtain community feedback through various public engagement initiatives conducted October 24 – November 6. The draft concept plan was informed by: demographics of the population living in the Dease Park neighbourhood; the results of enhanced programming initiatives to date; and an assessment of the park/recreation infrastructure and deficits in the area. Refer to Attachment #1 – Draft Concept Plan Dease Pool/Park Site.

Administration explored potential future uses of both the Dease Pool and Dease Park area. The park was included in the concept plan because of the limitations that exist within the pool site alone – close to adjacent residences, arterial roads and the limited size of the Dease Pool site.

Dease Pool Site Proposed Changes:

1. Removal of the pool basin and change room and washroom building
2. Fenced outdoor tennis/pickleball court
3. Community garden
4. Shaded sitting area with cultural historic story panels
5. Edible fruit trees

The proposed site design is a mix of active and passive activities geared to the broad demographic making up the local community.

Dease Park Site Proposed Changes:

1. Removal of an existing half-court basketball area
2. Creation of a large, green open space
3. Boarded rink with lights, asphalt surface to support multiple activities in the summer
4. Permanent change room and washroom building
5. Playground infrastructure
6. Sitting area
7. Circular walkway path around the park
8. Trees to buffer active play areas
9. Crab apple trees
10. Enhanced traffic calming on Dease St. to connect the former pool site and park area.

Public Engagement Strategy

The public engagement strategy to acquire community input on the proposed concept plan for the Dease Park/Dease Pool site included the following:

1. Online survey through City's 'Get Involved' platform available October 24 – November 11
2. Presentation at Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting on October 24
3. Two (2) in person 'Pop Up' sessions:
 - a) Thursday, October 31 – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Village Green – Victoriaville Mall
 - b) Saturday, November 2 – 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Fort William Gardens
4. Presentation at McKellar Ward Meeting on November 6.

A request to consult with students at the McKellar Park School could not be accommodated during the most recent public engagement timeframe. Additional promotion specifically targeting the engagement of older adults was completed through the 55 Plus Centre's email distribution list and newsletter.

The objectives of the public engagement sessions were to acquire feedback on the draft concept plan and proposed changes to the Dease Pool/Park sites, to acquire information on current and proposed visitation to the sites, and resident recreation preferences.

Results of Public Engagement

1. Online Survey Results

Attachment 2 - "Future Uses of the Dease Pool and Park Area: Survey Demographics" summarizes the profile of respondents to the online survey. Two hundred and twenty-three (223) respondents completed the online survey the majority self-identifying as being 18+ years and female. One resident who experienced a technical issue with accessing the online survey provided feedback via e-mail bringing the total 'online' respondents to 224.

Attachment 3 – "Survey Report: Potential Future Uses of the Dease Pool and Park Area" provides the results of the online survey. Respondents advised that the most popular activities they or a member of their family would participate in as a result of the proposed changes in the concept plan involved use of the boarded rink (winter)/asphalt surface (summer), a bigger playground, walkways, and the open space/play field area.

When ranking park amenities such as lighting, washroom/change building, trees, and shaded sitting area, respondents ranked good lighting as most important. Almost 2/3 (64%) of respondents wanted to see more safety features added to help cross Dease Street to connect the pool site and the park.

Approximately 82% of respondents thought that the community would benefit from continued recreation programming offered by the City of Thunder and partners, especially to children (5 – 12 years), youth (12 – 18 years), and families.

Respondents cited the following top three (3) priority types of activities:

1. child care/Kids' Club/Afterschool Program/Summer in the Parks Program

2. multi-sport/sports; play structure/swings (naturalized)
3. hockey/skating; basketball; splash pad.

In respect of programming options for youth (12 – 18 years), basketball and teen club/youth group were identified.

The top three (3) proposed activities for unspecified age group/all ages included swimming (21 respondents), skateboarding (13 respondents), and skating/hockey (9 respondents).

A summary of general/open ended comments received suggested that sixty-seven (67) respondents wanted a rebuild of the Dease Pool. Thirty-six (36) respondents suggested that the proposed tennis/pickleball court would not be well used. Thirty-three (33) respondents expressed interest in a skate park and twenty (20) respondents expressed interest in a splash pad.

While a slight majority (44.1%) of respondents said they were very happy or happy with the proposed changes to a re-designed Dease Pool/Park area, 17.6% stated they were neutral, and 38.3% responded that they were unhappy or very unhappy.

4. Pop-Up Sessions Feedback

Approximately 25 – 30 people attended the two (2) in-person ‘Pop Up’ sessions to provide feedback to staff. The results are summarized in Attachment 4 - ‘Dease Pop Up Feedback.’ Similar to online survey respondents, approximately half of participants currently use Dease Park. The majority of participants supported the proposed boarded rink (winter)/asphalt surface (summer). A bigger playground received the next highest votes. Support for a community garden was identified as the third priority at the October 31 pop up session only. Twenty participants (20) voted for a pool.

Lighting was identified as the most important park amenity, followed by a washroom/change building. A majority supported more safety features to facilitate crossing Dease Street and connecting the pool site to the park.

Participants of the October 31 session mainly supported organized recreational programming for children and older adults. Specific programming for children requested included summer camps, swimming, and developmental programming/accessibility. Programming requests for older adults included yoga and programming for Indigenous older adults. Forty-six percent (46%) of participants stated that they were happy or very happy with the proposed changes; 15% stated they were neutral; and 38% stated they were unhappy or very unhappy. General comments received questioned the use of proposed tennis/pickleball court by urban youth and a request to rebuild the pool.

Participants of the November 2 session for the most part requested ‘Save’ or ‘Rebuild’ Dease Pool for all age groups. The majority of participants were either unhappy or very unhappy about the proposed changes. General open comments received requested a rebuild of the pool.

Potential Future Uses of Dease Pool/Park Site

Overall, the community supports the following proposed changes to Dease Park:

1. Boarded rink with lights, asphalt surface to support multiple activities in the summer
2. A bigger play structure
3. The need for walkways
4. Preservation of a large, open green space
5. Traffic calming on Dease St. to connect former pool site to park area (if pool site required).

Staff have identified the importance of an amenity building with running water, accessible washrooms, open space that could double as a place to put on/take off skates, provide sheltered program space, and provide supply/equipment storage.

Administration recommends consideration of portable skateboarding components that could be placed within the boarded rink/asphalt surface to be located in Dease Park, subject to confirming suitable storage. Onsite storage capacity would likely allow for more flexible use of the pad and provide for easier set up/take down of portable skateboard components.

As there is an existing splash pad at nearby Franklin Park (1.9 km away) Administration does not recommend consideration of a splash pad at Dease Park. Council recently resolved as per Report 120/2019 - Splash Pad Priorities (Infrastructure and Operations – Parks and Open Space) to move forward with a spray pad at the Northfield Playfield and to conduct further planning and public consultation to inform the selection of two final splash pad locations to provide effective delivery of summer aquatic opportunities and report back to Council. The list of 11 potential candidate sites, informed by coverage area, demographics, population and supporting amenities, does not include the Dease Pool site. Administration could explore an opportunity to incorporate a new, water play feature into the proposed extended play structure at Dease Park.

Administration cautions against the installation of a skateboard plaza and/or spray pad at the current Dease Pool site based on potential incompatibility with adjacent residences, the anticipated additional measures/capital costs to mitigate anticipated concerns, and the opportunity to address these needs through the adjacent Dease Park.

If Council and the community are supportive of addressing skateboarding and water play through proposed re-development of Dease Park, there are at least 4 options for the Dease Pool/Park sites. Please refer to Attachment 5 – “Detailed Financial Implications – Potential Decommission/Improvements to Dease Pool/Park Sites”.

Option A: Decommission/Demolish Dease Pool – Restore Dease Pool Lands to support Passive Park Activities (Approximate capital cost of \$537,050; \$2,000 additional annual operating costs)

This option involves the decommissioning and demolition of the existing Dease Pool and change room building at an estimated capital cost of \$260,000 and restoration of property to

accommodate more passive recreation/leisure activities at an estimated capital cost of \$277,050 for a total estimated capital cost of \$537,050. Further community consultation would be required to affirm a more detailed concept plan/specific park infrastructure required to support passive activities. However, the proposed capital costing to re-develop the Dease Pool site under this option has included the installation of a shaded seating area, concrete walkways/sod, lighting, litter and recycling containers, fruit trees, a garden, soil, traffic calming measure to cross Dease Street and connect the former Dease Pool site to Dease Park, and a commemorative plaque to recognize the historical, cultural significance of Dease Pool as per Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC)'s Option 2 recommendation discussed below.

The property would be maintained as City-owned parkland. In respect of annual operating budget implications, Parks and Open Space identified the need for an additional \$2,000 per year to maintain the proposed garden, fruit tree planting, sod and pay utility expenses.

Option B: Decommission/Demolish Dease Pool – Restore Dease Pool Lands and declare Surplus (Approximate net capital cost of \$100,000)

This option would decommission/demolish the Dease Pool and change room building, declare the property as surplus, and restore the property to a state that is ready for re-purposing/resale. As per Report 124/2018, the estimated resale value of the Dease Pool site is \$160,000-\$180,000. Administration believes that commemoration of the Dease Pool site could be accommodated at Dease Park. However, Administration would seek HAC's comments on this option.

Option C: Decommission/Demolish Dease Pool – Redevelop Dease Park (Approximate capital costs of \$1.5 million; \$25,000 additional annual operating costs)

In addition to the decommission and demolition of the Dease Pool and change room building on the Dease Pool site property, this option proposes the redevelopment of Dease Park to support enhanced park programming as per favourable feedback received through the public engagement process. This option includes the removal of some existing park infrastructure to support the re-development (eg removal of existing basketball court, concrete walkways, existing trees as required, existing light poles and fixtures). Proposed new installations include: asphalt permanent boarded rink with lights; playground expansion with safety surface; concrete walkways and sitting area; a new amenity building; Dease Street traffic calming; new light pole fixtures, electrical, metal benches, litter and recycling containers; restoration of open playfield space, including top dressing; provision for the introduction of a new, water play feature as part of the playground expansion in response to community feedback; a commemorative plaque; and, potentially, the introduction of new, portable skateboard components that could be placed on the boarded rink between spring to fall. Additional consultation would be required in relation to the commemoration of the Dease Pool site at the Dease Park location, the proposed water feature, and the accommodation of skateboarding in a re-developed Dease Park (portable skateboard park components have not been accounted for in the capital cost estimate).

Should Council support a proposed re-development of Dease Park, there would be an opportunity to phase the re-development. A capital project of \$210,000 to advance recommendations in the Recreation and Facilities Master Plan has been included in the 2021

capital forecast. Parks and Open Space has advised that the re-development of Dease Park is not aligned with Council and/or departmental strategic priorities.

In respect of annual operating impacts related the proposed Dease Park re-development only, an additional \$23,500 would be required to support ice rink maintenance (flooding, snow removal, inspections), utilities (amenity building), and, extended playground maintenance. This costing assumes no other expansions to the City's outdoor rink program. An additional \$4,500 every 3 years would be required to maintain the asphalt surface contained in the boarded rink. Access to the amenity building would be dependent on the provision of supervised activities available through Recreation and Culture and/or potentially qualified programming partners.

Option D: Rebuild Dease Pool (Approximate capital costs of \$2.81 million; \$45,000 additional annual operating costs)

A rebuild of the Dease Pool would be an option for the Dease Pool property. As stated in Report 124/2019, the estimated capital cost to replace the outdoor pool and update the change room facility to meet current day requirements is \$2.81 million. In addition, there would be a need to reinstate an annual operating budget of \$45,000 for pool maintenance.

Administration does not recommend a rebuild of the outdoor pool given the existing capacity provided through nearby aquatic venues to meet bather needs, the limited value offered through a new seasonal, outdoor venue, competing recreation and municipal infrastructure priorities, and, potential challenges in securing qualified lifeguards to support the operation.

Heritage Implications

Dease Pool is listed on the City's Heritage Register as a property of interest but has not been formally designated under Ontario Regulation 9/06 of The Heritage Act.

Properties listed on the Heritage Register (but not formally designated) have the following protections:

1. No demolition permit can be issued for 60 days from application.
2. During that 60 day period the designation process could be initiated by Council ratifying a recommendation from HAC to designate the property.
3. Once the designation process starts no demolition permit can be issued until the designation process has run its course.
4. Application for a demolition permit automatically triggers referral to HAC from Building Services.

At the request of citizens attending HAC in January 2019, HAC agreed to evaluate whether the Dease Pool would qualify for designation. On May 23, 2019 HAC accepted the findings of an evaluation sub-committee that Dease Pool qualified for designation. HAC passed two resolutions with respect to Dease Pool. These two resolutions are reflected by the memo from HAC Chair Mr. A. Cotter, dated June 28, 2019, distributed to Council at their July 29, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. (Reference Attachment #6 – "Memo to Council, July 29

COW, from Chair Heritage Advisory Committee, A. Cotter, Dease Pool - Heritage Designation".) This memo proposed the following two motions for City Council's consideration:

1. With respect to the memorandum from Mr. A. Cotter, Chair Heritage Advisory Committee, dated June 28, 2019, we recommend that the Heritage Advisory Committee proceed with the designation of the property known as Dease Pool for its cultural and heritage significance as defined by Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.
2. With respect to the memorandum from Mr. A. Cotter, Chair Heritage Advisory Committee, dated June 28, 2019, we recommend that as an alternative to designation maintaining a similar community use of the Dease Pool property be explored; and that the site be commemorated with a plaque.

Option 1: Designation Dease Pool Site

If Council votes to proceed with the designation of the Dease Pool property, then Council would serve notice that it is proceeding with designation. The notice provides for objections to the designation to be received within 30 days. If there are objections, they are referred to the Conservation Review Board. The Conservation Review Board's report is presented to Council. Council decides if it will proceed or not with designation. If Council decides to designate, a designation bylaw is passed and the property is then listed on the municipal and the provincial heritage register. The consequences of a property being listed on the Heritage Register are:

1. Applications for building permits and demolition permits will be flagged to HAC (the demolition permit condition already exists by virtue of the property being listed on the Heritage Register).
2. Community Services and/or any future property owner would have to consult with HAC on any substantive modifications to the property.

Option 2 – Exploring Continued Similar Use for the Property and Commemoration with a Plaque

Under this option, HAC recommends maintaining a similar use for the Dease Pool property and commemorating the history of Dease Pool through signage that combines text telling the pool's history with historical photographs. The signage would be similar to that erected around the City by the Museum several years ago.

If as a result of further community consultation and a refined plan for the proposed re-development of Dease Park, the Dease Pool sites are declared surplus, Administration invites comment from HAC regarding the proposed commemoration of the Dease Pool site in Dease Park.

In consultation with Administration, Option 2 is recommended for Dease Pool to provide for a similar use for the property and for commemoration of the cultural history of the Pool. This direction has been incorporated into the overall recommendation within this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

The proposed 2020 capital budget includes the decommissioning and demolition of the former Dease Pool site, at an estimated cost of \$260,000 to be funded as a tax supported project.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council direct Administration to proceed with the decommissioning and demolition of the Dease Pool and existing change room facility in 2020 as proposed in the 2020 capital budget. In addition, it is recommended that Council direct Administration to continue with community consultation and the development of a refined concept plan for a re-developed Dease Park, considering the potential for the Dease Park to accommodate the community's request for skateboarding and water play facilities, and to report back by Q3 2020. As part of this report, Administration should report back on future potential uses of the Dease Pool site and/or whether the property could be declared surplus to meeting the City's recreation needs. Finally, the revised plan for the Dease Park and Pool sites should include a commemoration of the Dease Pool's cultural and historical significance and that the Heritage Advisory Committee should be consulted on the form, content, and location of that commemoration.

BACKGROUND

In December 2018, Council approved Report 124/2018 – Enhanced Park Programming and Dease Pool (Community Services – Recreation and Culture) which directed the closure of the 106-year-old facility which had reached the end of its lifecycle, was in very poor condition, presented various safety risks, did not meet current day aquatic facility standards, and attracted on average one-third of the attendance of other nearby outdoor pools. In addition, Council approved a re-direction of the majority of the existing pool operating budget (\$52,000) to support the implementation of enhanced park programming to address the recreation needs of the community. The report also spoke to the estimated costs to decommission/demolish the pool and change room building (\$360,000) and rebuild the pool and change room building to current standards (\$2.81 million).

Deputations were made to City Council after Council's consideration of this report and during the 2019 budget deliberations, expressing concern about the pool closure. Council requested Administration's comments regarding two unsolicited proposals to rebuild the pool which were presented as having lower capital costs of construction. Administration advised Council that the capital cost of construction per square foot for each proposal was the same or higher than that provided to Council in Report 124/2018 when one compared the reduced size of pool basin and/or assessed areas where the proposal would not comply with municipal/provincial requirements. Council affirmed their earlier decision to proceed with the pool closure and directed Administration to implement enhanced park programming in 2019 based on consultation with the community and report back on potential future uses of the Dease Pool site.

On January 24, 2019 a group of citizens made a delegation to a Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) meeting with respect to having Dease Pool designated as a property of cultural heritage value. HAC formed a sub-committee to study the appropriateness of designating Dease Pool through its established evaluation tool. The HAC sub-committee found that Dease Pool qualified as a property that should be recommended for designation. HAC passed two resolutions as reflected in a memo from HAC Chair Andrew Cotter, dated June 28, 2019, distributed to Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on July 29, 2019.

On July 22, 2019 City Council approved that the next priority location for a proposed spray pad should be the Northwood Playfield (Report No.120/2019 - Infrastructure & Operations – Parks & Open Spaces) and that a listing of 11 potential candidate locations be assessed for their potential to accommodate two additional community urban focused spray pads. The Dease Pool/Park area is not included as a candidate location.

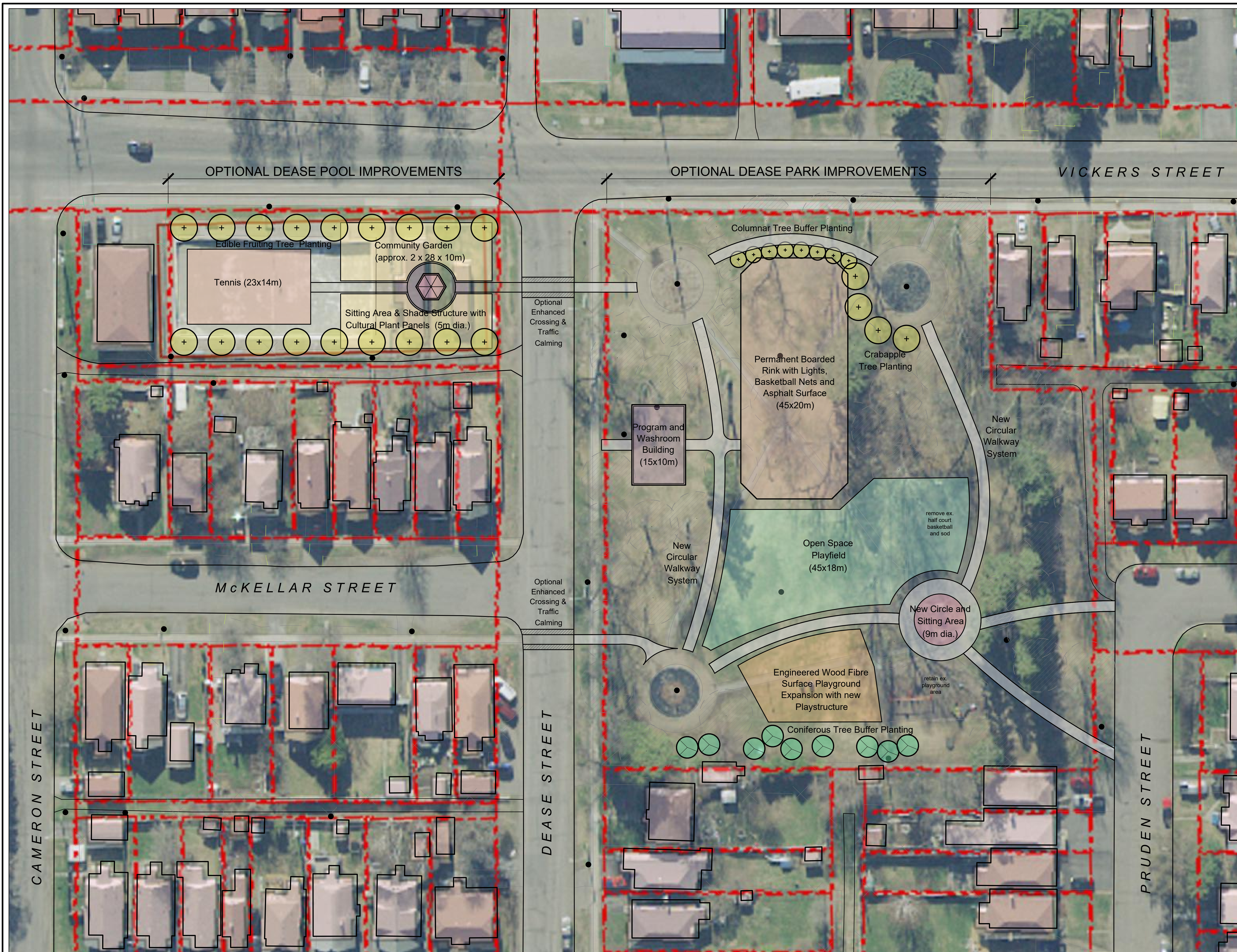
In March 2010, City Council accepted the HAC’s recommendation that Dease Pool be listed on the City’s Heritage Register as a property of interest (Corporate Report 2010.068 – Office of the City Clerk). The property was not formally designated under Ontario Regulation 9/06 of The Heritage Act.

REFERENCE MATERIAL ATTACHED:

- Attachment #1 - Draft Concept Plan Dease Pool/Park Site
- Attachment #2 - Future Uses of the Dease Pool and Park Area: Survey Demographics
- Attachment #3 - Survey Report: Potential Future Uses of the Dease Pool and Park Area
- Attachment #4 - Dease Pop Up Feedback
- Attachment #5 - Detailed financial implications – potential decommission/improvements to dease pool/park sites
- Attachment #6 - Memo to Council, July 29 COW, from Chair Heritage Advisory Committee, A. Cotter, Dease Pool - Heritage Designation

PREPARED BY: KELLY ROBERTSON, GENERAL MANAGER-COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

THIS REPORT SIGNED AND VERIFIED BY: (NAME OF GENERAL MANAGER) Kelly Robertson, General Manager – Community Services	DATE: December 4, 2019
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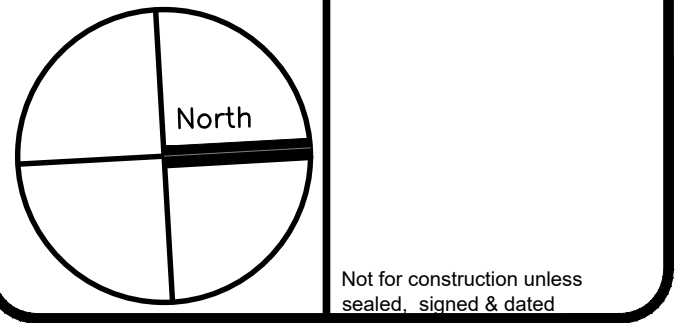


General Notes

Source of Base Information:
 -City of Thunder Bay GIS data, 2018

Notes:
 Contractor to verify all dimensions on site and notify Consultant of any discrepancies.

No.	Revision/Issue	Date
3	Issued for Stakeholder & Public Consultation	Oct. 15, 2019
2	Revised for Preliminary Review	Oct. 04, 2019
1	Issued for Preliminary Review	Sept. 06, 2019



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 Development Study

Thunder Bay, Ontario

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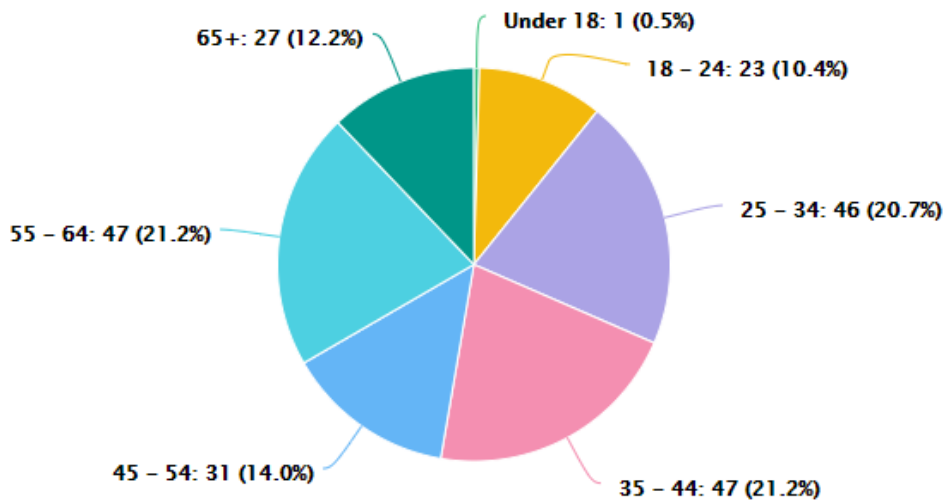
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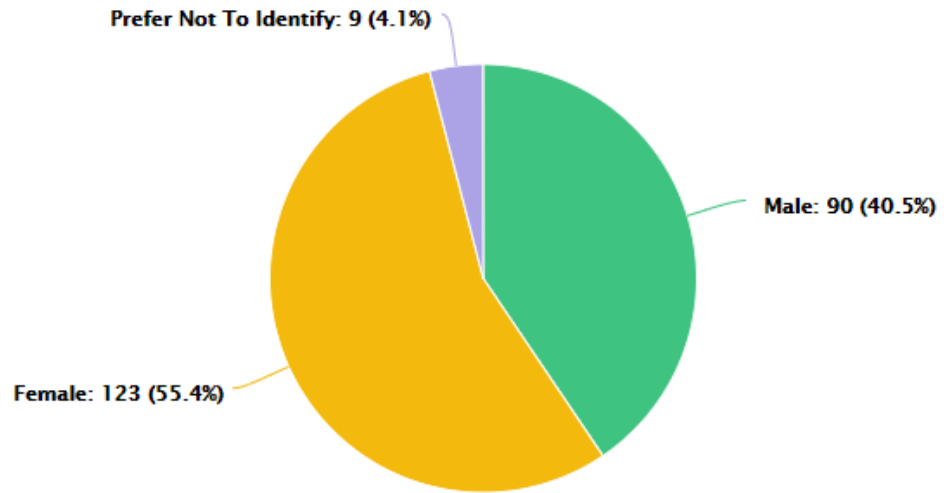
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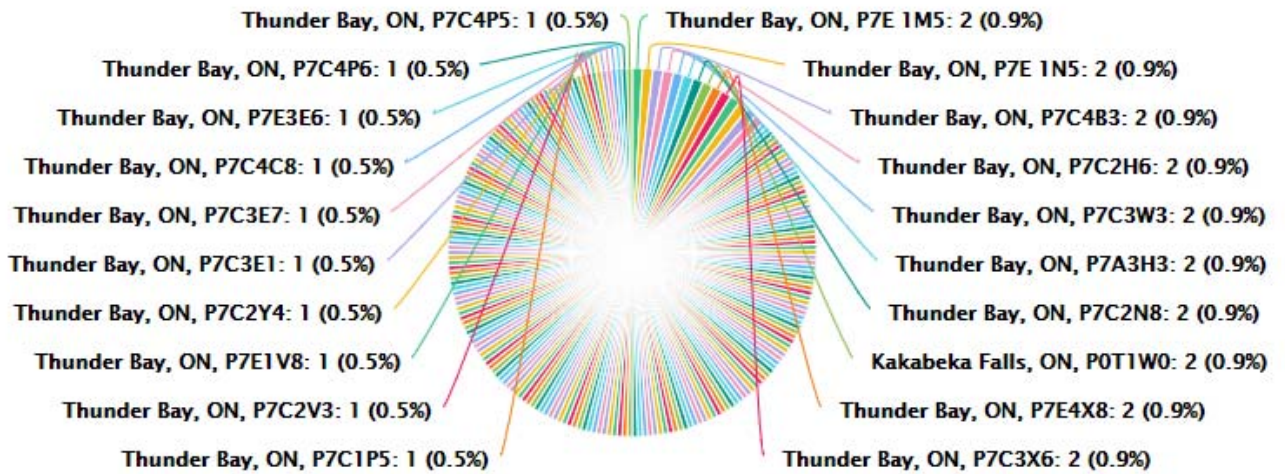
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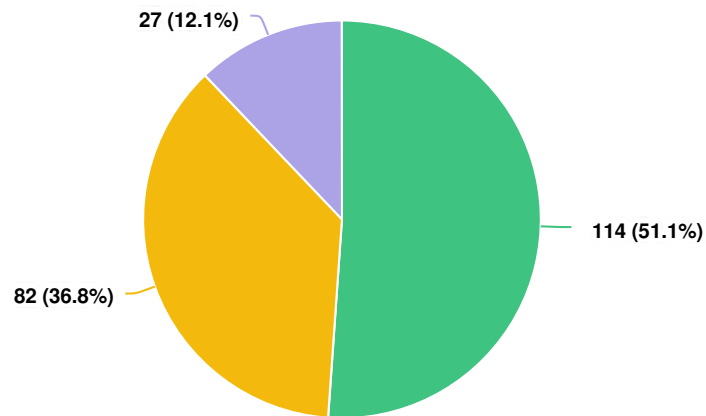
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Get Involved Thunder Bay

Q1 How often do you currently use the Dease Park area?

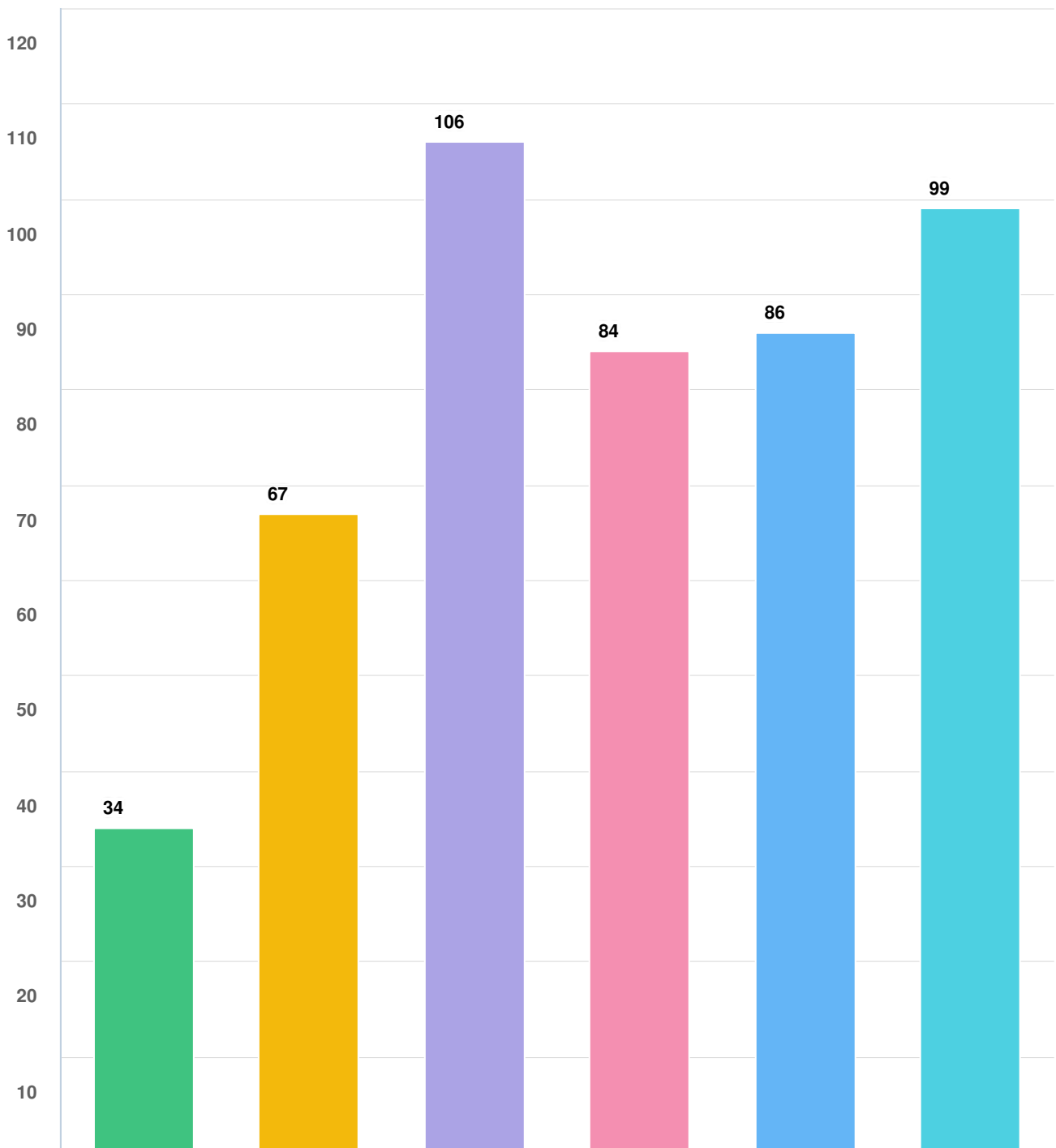


Question options

- Not at all (0)
- Sometimes (1 - 4 times a month)
- Often (5 or more times a month)

(223 responses, 0 skipped)

Q2 From the below list, select which activities you, or a family member, would be likely to use.



Question options

- Tennis/Pickleball Court
- Community Garden
- Boarded Rink (winter) / Asphalt Surface (i.e. basketball in summer)
- Open Green Space / Playfield
- Walkways
- Bigger Playground

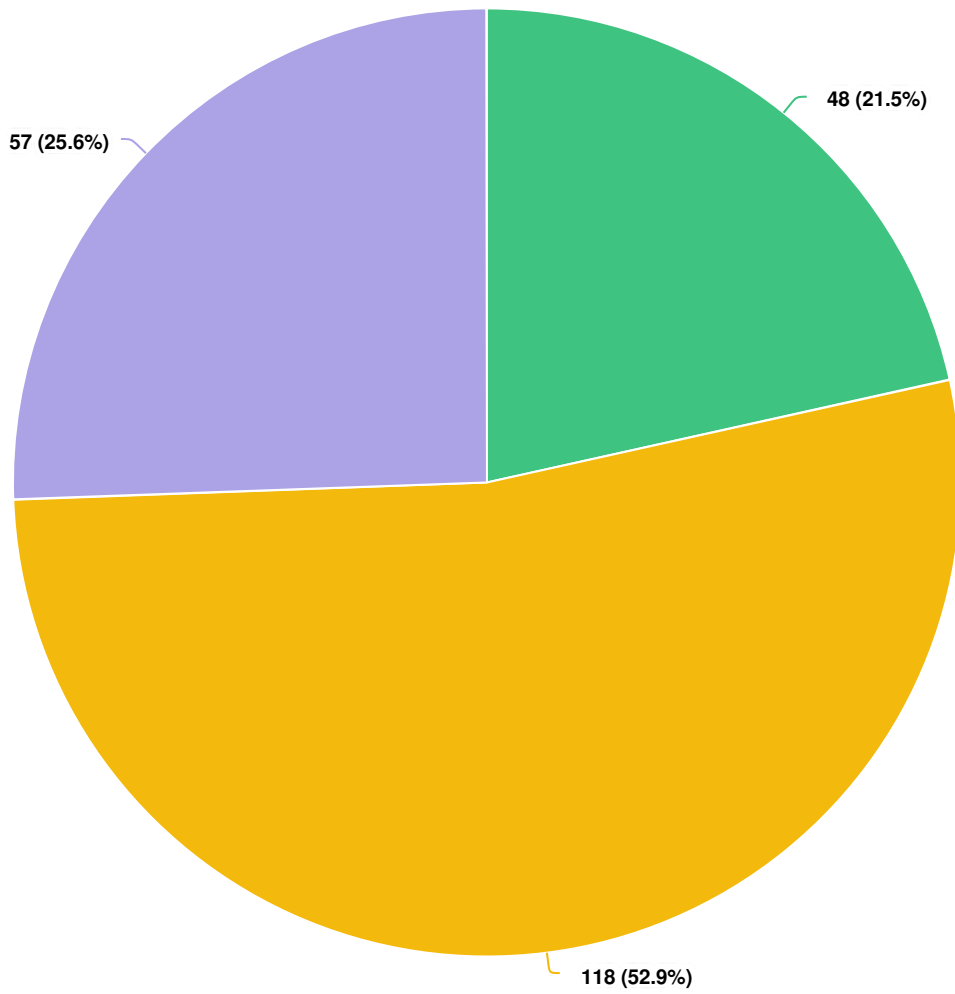
Optional question (193 responses, 30 skipped)

Q3 | What park amenities are most important to you? Rank in order of importance. (1 being highest priority, 4 being lowest)

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Lighting	2.30
Washrooms / Change Building	2.49
Trees	2.52
Shaded Sitting Area	2.68

(223 responses, 0 skipped)

Q4 How often would you use the Dease Pool/Park area if the proposed changes were made?

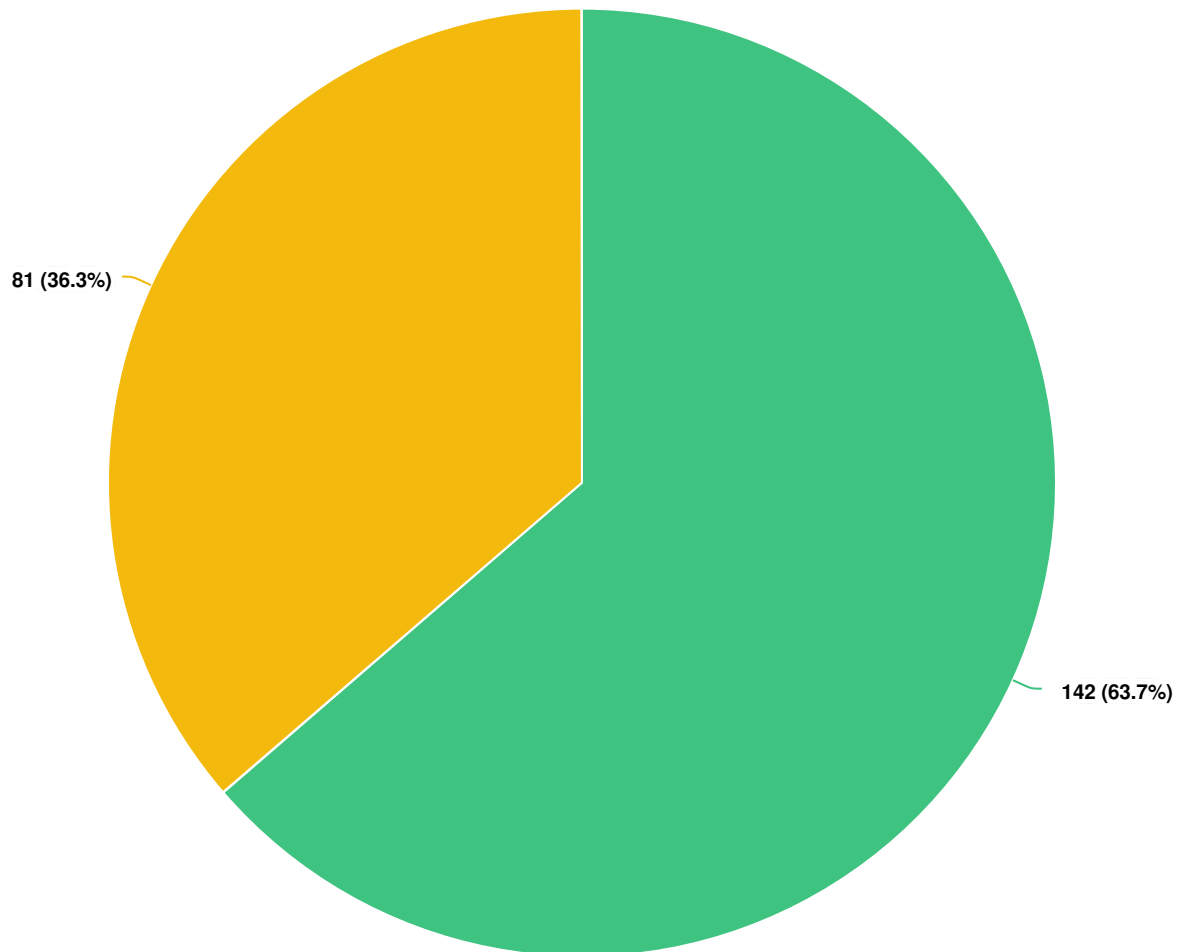


Question options

- Not at all (0)
- Sometimes (1 - 4 times a month)
- Often (5 or more times a month)

(223 responses, 0 skipped)

Q5 | Do you think more safety features should be added to help cross Dease Street connecting the pool site and the park?

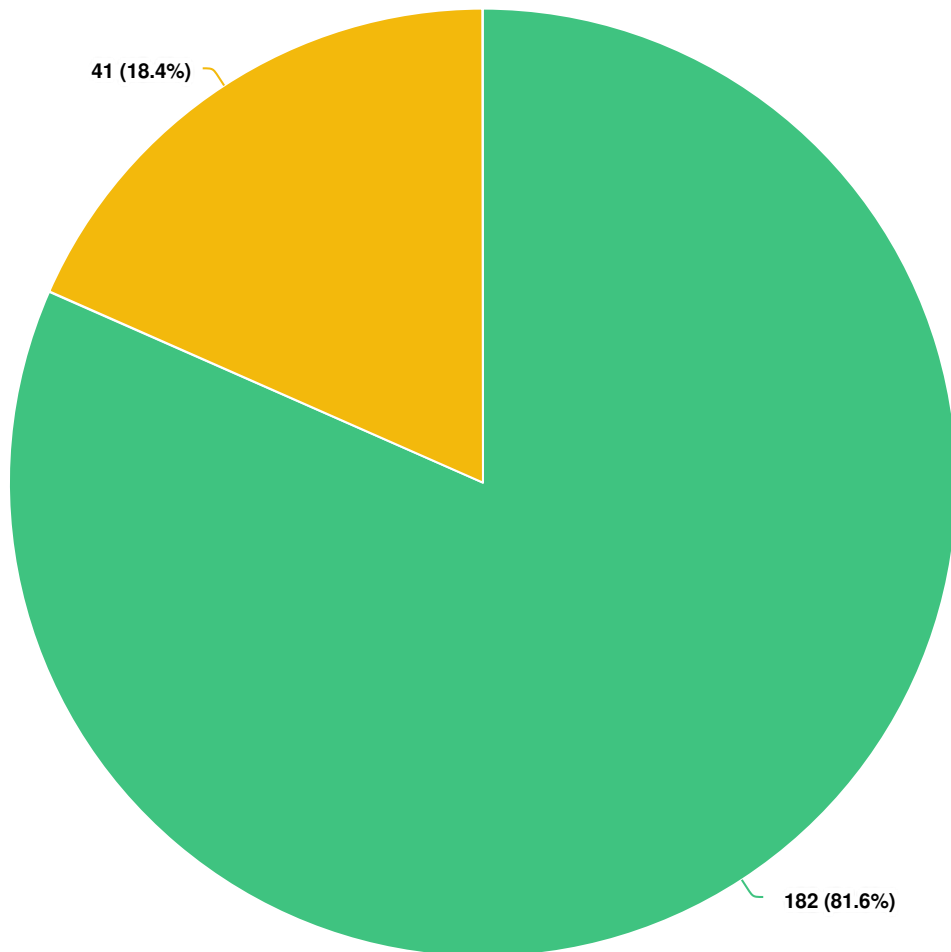


Question options

- Yes
- No

(223 responses, 0 skipped)

Q6 | Do you think the community would benefit from recreational programming in this area offered by the City of Thunder Bay and partners?

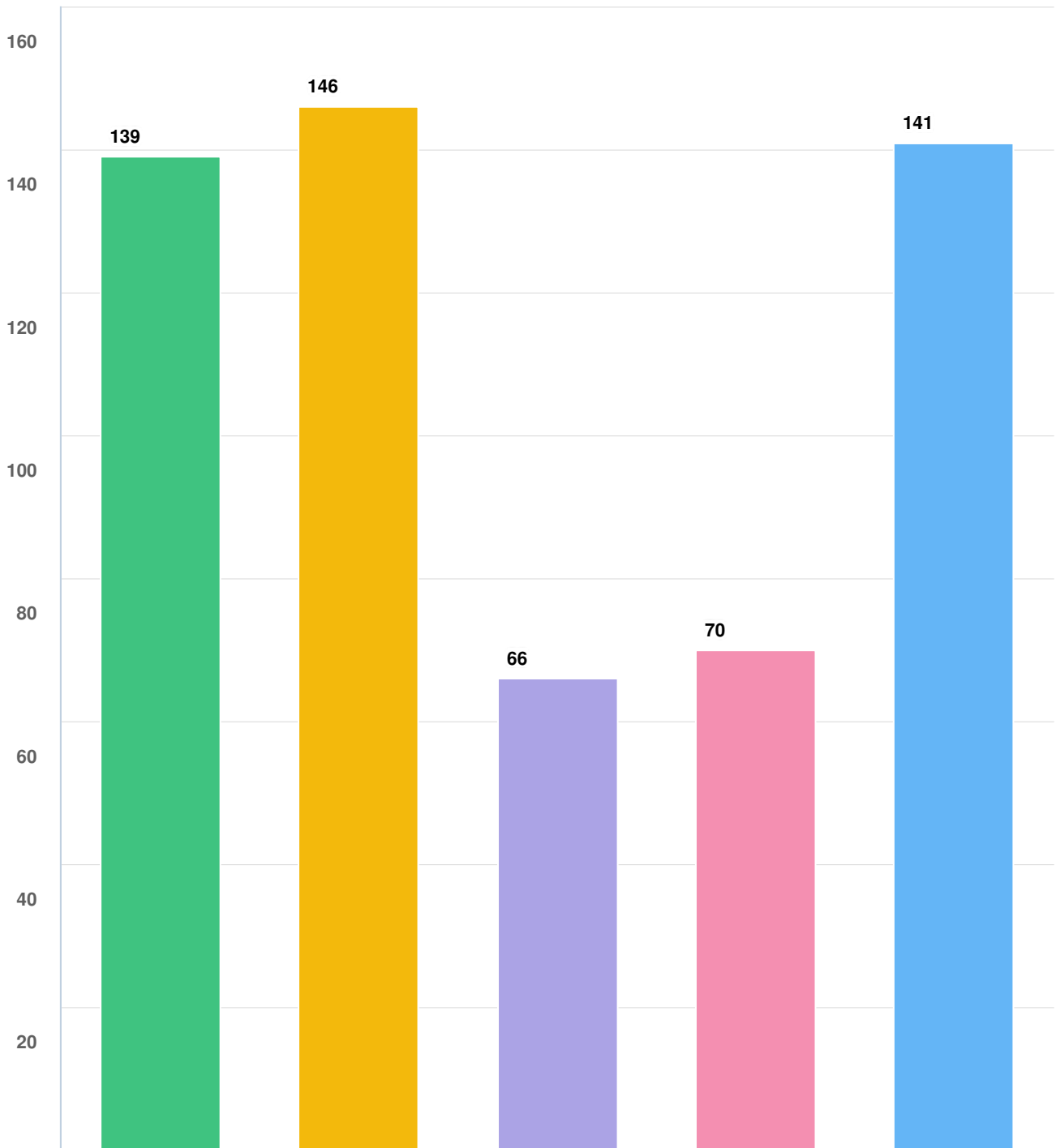


Question options

- Yes
- No

(223 responses, 0 skipped)

Q7 What type of organized recreational programming would you like to see?



Question options

- Children's Programming (ages 5 - 12)
- Youth Programming (ages 12 - 18)
- Adult Programming (ages 19 - 54)
- Older Adult Programming (ages 55 plus)
- Family Events (all ages)

(182 responses, 41 skipped)

Q8 For each of the above, what sort of programming would you like to see?

- 10/24/2019 11:47 AM Free children's programming soccer, hockey, basket ball, crafts ect Programs for adults with learning disabilities, mental health disabilities or physical disabilities. There is not enough for adults to do in Thunder Bay of they are unable to work and receive ow or ODSP.
- 10/24/2019 12:57 PM children's programs would be awesome. I have 3 kids ages 8,12 and 17 that used to use the pool all the time and would like to see some thing come back for them.
- 10/24/2019 01:14 PM convert pool to splash pad - still have water fun without the 6 feet deep part - skateboard park in area you want a flat slab of asphalt - skating on flat is boring - PAWaterfront is great example of children using facilities they want Basketball and outdoor events featuring local talent, maybe some chances for outdoor local sales
- 10/24/2019 01:33 PM
- 10/24/2019 02:48 PM For all: SWIMMING!!!!!!!
- 10/24/2019 03:42 PM Older adults- walking etc Family events- movie night, festivals etc
- 10/24/2019 03:57 PM Family events- more if the activities that took place at the park this year. (not stuff that happened at the school)
- 10/24/2019 05:22 PM Children - sports, reading, acting in plays, picnics - Give them a sense of community and engage them Youth - biking, basketball, trips to water sources to canoe or kayak, wrestling, boxing.... engage these kids to keep them out of gangs. Give them a sense of community. Older Adults - hobbies, Tai Chi, Yoga soccer
- 10/24/2019 07:27 PM
- 10/24/2019 08:10 PM Having a pool to swim in the kids would love. Kids also enjoy water parks have some sort of water activity and water for them to cool off in.
- 10/24/2019 10:15 PM Community needs multigenerational programming. Family programs and youth programs are particularly important.
- 10/25/2019 06:40 AM All sports for both children and youth All sports for adults Walking areas and workout areas for all ages Definitely skating in the winter for all ages
- 10/25/2019 07:57 AM Splash pad for kids Yoga Hockey for all ages Splash pad for kids Roller skating in the summer on the boarded rink area interpretive "nature" walks in the park and area for all
- 10/25/2019 09:42 AM For all my answers I would like to see age appropriate things happening in the area for kids as it sits right now kids in the age range of 12-18 have

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nothing for them in thunder bay unless they are skate boarders there is a couple parks but they are limited to when they can use these facilities due to " Park Curfews" you cant be in marina park after 10 pm or you get chased off by security so what do these kids do they find other things to do whether it be legal or not they have nothing to stimulate them ... instead of spending millions on blinking angle iron posts maybe try making something for the kids build a indoor race track for go carts and a billards area and video gaming area a roller rink with djs but gear it to kids
Pool?

10/25/2019 09:50 AM

Neighborhood music festivals, Canada Day celebration, play groups, splash pad.

10/25/2019 09:52 AM

Fix the pool. My children used it when they were young and we lived on harold st and on mckellar. The only reason it's not used more is because it's not heated like widnall pool, which my kids lived in when we lived on Minnesota st and on southern. Fix and update Dease pool!! The community would greatly appreciate if you really listened to what they want!!!!

10/25/2019 09:54 AM

Children's Programming (ages 5 - 12) - free play with loose parts, naturalized play structures Youth Programming (ages 12 - 18) - neighbourhood soccer game & bbq, neighbourhood hockey tournament (drop in) Older Adult Programming (ages 55 plus) - walking program, art class, tai chi Family Events (all ages) - block party - bring neighbours together, community yard sale

10/25/2019 09:58 AM

10/25/2019 10:23 AM

Children: multisport and safe spaces separate from older kids; place to learn/practice biking (see paved path at George Jeffries). Youth: dance, parkour, outdoor gymnastics.

10/25/2019 10:24 AM

Children programming - splash pad Youth programming - Youth group to meet a couple nights a week Adult Programming - Yoga, painting in the park Older Adult Programing - Yoga, gardening family events - community garden programming

10/25/2019 10:59 AM

childrens programming - soccer, baseball, summer in the parks youth programming - soccer, summer in the parks (childcare service) family events - stuff like the teddy bear picnic
Children's / Youth programming- basketball, skating, gardening

10/25/2019 11:04 AM

Swimming for all family members! Keep the Pool and convert it in the wintertime to a skating rink!

10/25/2019 11:16 AM

Swings and climbing toys. Yoga and exercise groups. Walking groups

10/25/2019 11:50 AM

I'm guessing that a basketball net will be installed into the boarded rink area proposed, as it is not listed and should be a permanent structure. I feel strongly that it should be available and perhaps a skateboard /bike jump area as well. Really not much else is being offered to the younger set that is not structured programming. Teens need something to replace the pool.

10/25/2019 12:28 PM

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10/25/2019 02:13 PM	Youth - basketball, tennis, skating Family - walking/biking trails
10/25/2019 02:35 PM	Pickleball
10/25/2019 03:10 PM	Social, meeting times, tai. Hi, arts and crafts, lawn bowling, etc
10/25/2019 03:26 PM	I would like to see something for older kids as well, having the pool was great for the young teenagers because they don't use splash pads at their age. The pool was perfect for them, building splash pads and taking away pools does nothing for the age group that needs things to do to keep them out of trouble. A tennis court, wouldn't be good. Something like that would get ruined. Washrooms? No thanks, for the amount of issues this city has with drug use, that's all that would go on there. Have something for younger teens to do, to enjoy, to use. Not just a play ground for littler children and a tennis court which will be ruined for older people. Kids in the community need to matter and young teens need to be thought of as well. Children programming as in drop in games as with the summer program Youth could use more organized sports games - soccer, basketball but at no cost to the youth For all ages: tennis and pickleball programming, ie. instruction, similar to tennis programming for youth that is offered at other public city courts
10/25/2019 03:37 PM	
10/25/2019 04:13 PM	Outdoor yoga Seniors exercise program Hockey (including floor hockey in the summer) Children's gardening classes Roller blading in summer
10/25/2019 04:36 PM	Music, pickleball, soccer, yoga, hockey
10/25/2019 05:50 PM	
10/25/2019 05:59 PM	Adult Programming - volleyball
	Swimming lessons
10/25/2019 06:50 PM	
	Basketball yoga in the park better community programs
10/25/2019 07:23 PM	
10/25/2019 10:13 PM	Childrens and youth cultural programming, art programs, clubs that teach kids sports, music programs Family events like movie nights or crafting together, neighbourhood potlucks, family outdoor dances (seasonal) Children- playground equipment, pool or water park Adult- vegetable gardens, pool, picnic areas Family- picnics, family skates
10/26/2019 02:37 AM	
10/26/2019 05:45 AM	Children- kids clubs Youth- teen clubs Family- city events like teddy bear picnic type
10/26/2019 06:50 AM	Children and family recreation and programming should be Inclusive to all including those with disabilities. Possibly an inclusive playground, area for

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10/26/2019 06:56 AM Senior exercise and a basketball court for the youth. Possibly outdoor art classes for all with a covered canopy
The survey does not include the possibility of Rebuilding Dease Pool and offering the skating rink as was described in Kateri Bannings plan and quote. 6000 Community members have signed a petition asking for the pool to be saved and rebuild. The Heritage Advisory Council has deemed it a heritage site and there may be evidence that when this land was donated for the pool that it was to remain a pool or land would revert to original owners. Ignoring the data you received from the original FWG community consultation where close to 40 families showed up to ask for Dease Pool to be rebuilt and to ignore the data over the summer where the community was not using the programming in substantial enough numbers to warrant more "programming" is very concerning. Planning for the Park to upgrade the recreational opportunities is commendable, ignoring the wishes of the community to rebuild Dease Pool unacceptable.

10/26/2019 07:30 AM BBQ, bocce ball, croquet, walking program, relaxation program, learn to skate, learn pickle ball/ tennis, afternoon tea. Farmers market crafts, lawn bowling

10/26/2019 07:55 AM A splash pad would be awesome and safer than the pool and would require little supervision. Parents for younger children and older kids could enjoy it too.

10/26/2019 09:05 AM Children's Programming - Just about anything, the children in this area don't have a lot they can access.

10/26/2019 09:18 PM Soccer, basketball, walking, senior/children connect, environmental issues (recycle/trees/gardens)...food independence (community gardens).

10/27/2019 08:34 AM Swimming

10/27/2019 10:28 AM Getting active exercises and activities - mostly making it a safe place for all residents to play and enjoy

10/27/2019 11:14 AM All activities that will keep our children from getting into trouble.

10/27/2019 04:10 PM Swimming Pool!

10/27/2019 07:12 PM Yoga, children's programming

10/28/2019 10:19 AM Would like the City to start planning for a joint City & Volunteer operated Community Centre for Dease pool area. Look how West Thunder Community Centre has grown & served the community. Having an actual building on the site with programs could incorporate all ages & capture or develop many new interests. It would be a place to go for all to receive good quality programming in the winter months. It would deter kids from getting into drugs & into gangs. In the meantime...consider building a medium size splash pool with available round the pool seating ...I am sure this will get lots of use for

families of young children. Lovely walkways & gardens....well we have plenty in these city but safe, supervised places for children & youth where they can gather are limited especially in the Dease pool area & south -west Fort William area. Go where the most need is! Other suggestions for the site are encouraging but remember that some of the activities proposed are simply beyond the financial & interest reach of residents living in Dease St area. Give them a meeting place to call their own & let the community build it up & dictate what it needs to ensure it gets used. Eventually with volunteers.. it could pay for itself.
Programs that do not involve the children having a need for equipment.

10/28/2019 11:25 AM

Children's programming: sports , crafts. outdoor appreciation eg gardening
Youth: sports, programs to develop self esteem and to be involved; older adult: exercise (eg VON) walking, sports, eg pickleball. type of activities offered by 55 plus but not available because of distance and lack of transportation . Family events: Festivals, designated days eg gardening day, scavenger hunts,
Children -Summer in the Parks Adult/Children Yoga Family picnics

10/28/2019 02:15 PM

10/28/2019 02:52 PM

10/28/2019 07:40 PM

Playgrounds type programming Soccer Tball

SWIMMING - In a free, neighborhood pool.

10/29/2019 08:42 AM

10/29/2019 10:11 AM

spend the money on rehabilitating the pool facilities not changing something that works.

10/29/2019 11:09 AM

Children and youth should have some form of drop in organized activities such as summer in the parks, to initially bring people to the redesigned park. This should transition to no organized activities, just let people use it how and when they want.

10/29/2019 04:17 PM

Rather than pickle ball (what's that???), tennis or basketball, I would highly recommend that a skateboard/bmx park be built on site of the former pool; and that features such as concrete picnic tables be added in the tree park. Families and older individuals could picnic or play board games such as checkers and chess at the tables. Also, add in a large chess/checker pad on the ground in the tree park. I am strongly opposed to the pickle ball/tennis suggestion.

10/29/2019 07:47 PM

Older Adult Programming ,Children's Programming

10/29/2019 08:04 PM

Skateboard park instead of Tennis/Pickle Ball. Urban youth of the area have absolutely no interest in Tennis or Pickle ball. Ironically, they will end up having higher use from skateboards, scooters, bikes on those courts Why not actually build something intended for that purpose and help build a sense of community in an area of Thunder Bay that genuinely needs it.

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10/29/2019 08:23 PM	Walking programs Crafts Family activities Swimming
10/29/2019 08:53 PM	Youth/Adolescent Programing- Skateboarding
10/29/2019 08:53 PM	Youth basketball, youth skateboarding events
10/29/2019 09:44 PM	We would like to see an innovative skatepark design!
10/29/2019 10:32 PM	children's programming - skatepark, skateboarding
10/29/2019 10:38 PM	Yoga, skateboarding
10/29/2019 11:17 PM	A skateboard park in this area would benefit the neighbourhood and the whole city. Its hard for parents to transport kids to marina park to skate. A skatepark would provide a safe place for recreation for the youth and adults in the community. South side skatepark
10/30/2019 02:53 AM	
10/30/2019 07:52 AM	Skateboarding with an excellent skate park that offers a large bowl and transition areas. I would also like to see varied programming for all ages depending on the season and participation rates. As a senior I'd love to participate in instructor led exercise pgms. as well as art classes, gardening and guest lectures on a variety of topics. Therefore, the inclusion of a large covered structure of some sort such as a pergola. Any kind of organized programs that involve the community are great. It gets people from the community together and lets them meet each other.
10/30/2019 08:12 AM	Community - Picnics, Concerts, Events etc. Children and Youth Programming - Rec. Programs (Youth Move, Youth Inclusion etc.)
10/30/2019 08:12 AM	youth programs sports or not allowing them a safe space to gather
10/30/2019 09:19 AM	
10/30/2019 09:34 AM	Water park, since you took away the pool I think the kids still need some water to cool off in. No need for tennis or pickleball. These kids can't afford the equipment. Basketball is good as the pad is always in use. Don't shade up too much bc then you get vandalism. Family and Childrens Programming
10/30/2019 09:54 AM	
10/30/2019 11:50 AM	Yoga for both
	Youth - garden, splash pad, swimming lanes Adults- swimming lanes,

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10/30/2019 01:35 PM	garden, splash pad Families - splash pad, pickleball
	Swimming for all ages . Yoga community events
10/30/2019 03:32 PM	
10/30/2019 06:49 PM	Children's programming - soccer, learn to skate, swimming lessons Youth Programming - rock painting, scavenger hunts Adult Programming - barbecue pits (like at Cascades) Older Adult Programming - Tai Chi, gentle swim
	children programming soccer should be outdoors not indoors
10/30/2019 09:08 PM	
10/31/2019 04:20 PM	Leave it as a pool and even make it enclosed! Forget art and create physical kids.
	Community events, free family activities, safe supervised space and activities for kids
10/31/2019 08:59 PM	children's sports - soccer, basketball, etc
11/01/2019 06:37 AM	
11/01/2019 06:53 AM	There should be a summer in the parks program at least 3 days a week for kids. Possibly clinics for basketball, soccer and pickleball . In the winter there could be skating and hockey clinics .
	Why are you not asking about rebuilding the pool? This is what's needed?
11/01/2019 07:20 AM	
11/01/2019 12:48 PM	We moved back from B.C. in 2017. In BC we started lawn bowling and we would like to see it started here. Great adult summer activity. I would like to discuss this option as part of the Programming planning.
11/01/2019 02:25 PM	Skateboard
	Skate park!
11/01/2019 02:49 PM	
11/01/2019 03:12 PM	for both: Skateboard park, potential for contests, fun summer activities and somewhere the youth can go to stay off the streets.
11/01/2019 03:13 PM	Skatepark
	Skateboarding
11/01/2019 06:02 PM	
11/01/2019 09:39 PM	I would like to play tennis if they build tennis courts
	Skateboard park
11/01/2019 10:24 PM	
	Skate park

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11/02/2019 08:01 AM

11/02/2019 01:17
PM

Tennis lessons, walking program, skating rink!! :)

11/02/2019 02:04
PM

Soccer Field, Basketball,

racquet sports facilities - tennis, squash and pickleball.

11/02/2019 07:51 PM

supervised youth drop ins

11/03/2019 01:13 PM

ODR with place to put skates on skate park for boards and bikes

11/03/2019 01:20 PM

11/03/2019 01:20 PM

a free swimming pool!

11/03/2019 03:14 PM

Ask all community members in each age bracket their ideas and suggestions for types of programming they would attend

Walking and children's play area

11/03/2019 03:36 PM

Children's programming similar to that at Vicker's Park

11/03/2019 04:28 PM

11/03/2019 04:42
PM

Skateboarding

11/03/2019 05:00 PM

I often dog sit my sister and brother-in-law's "pack" of tiny toy poodles in the Dease park area. I am there most weekends. 0 An organized sports program for both children and teenagers would be good for this area. An older adult program including tai chi, yoga and walking would also be good. I have concerns about a washroom and change room in the park because of drug use in the area... The changes in the park during the last few years have been great. The perennial plantings and planting of new trees have made the park a much better place for families to be.

11/03/2019 06:08
PM

Swimming lessons. Outdoor Arts and crafts. History lessons on the area.

11/03/2019 10:27 PM

'Children's activities ,games that can be walk up, not organized athletic teams, splash pad for young children Older adult walk up light exercise

11/03/2019 11:04 PM

Children - playgrounds program during the summer Family - community bbqs, entertainment such as concerts Everything should be free of charge or minimal cost

11/04/2019 06:14
AM

Type of Programming (children) - organized natural environment learning sessions offering gardening, crafts and other outdoor activities. Type of Programming (youth) - pickup sports (basketball, soccer)

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11/04/2019 06:48 AM	Older adultt programming: yoga and pickleball lessons.
	drop-in after school programming
11/04/2019 07:05 AM	
11/04/2019 08:06 AM	Appropriate children's programming and activities for families
	Senior programming including gardening lectures or demonstrations, walking groups etc.
11/04/2019 08:12 AM	Swimming lessons
11/04/2019 10:05 AM	
	Sports in general and family activity's
11/04/2019 11:34 AM	
11/04/2019 03:12 PM	replace pool with a pool
	The pool needs to be there, even if smaller What the hell is pickle ball. Survey the kids at the school AND DONT LEAVE OUT THE POOL AS A CHOICE. That is being manipulative Any community friendly events
11/04/2019 07:44 PM	
11/05/2019 12:58 AM	
	Parks progamming
11/05/2019 05:07 AM	
	Type of programming - open to all ideas
11/05/2019 07:34 AM	
	Would favor any programming that came with a minimal budget or financial commitment for the participants/users. A soccer ball and sneakers can arguably be the easiest/cheapest items to purchase for someone who is financially constrained or on a fixed budget. Swimming is about the cheapest. No fancy clothes or equipment, no helmets or sneakers or face shields or asphalt to fall on and get injured.
11/05/2019 09:32 AM	Sports, painting, movie night
11/05/2019 01:27 PM	
	Children's Programs - arts & crafts using products from nature, after school programs doing a variety of things such as games of tag, snowman/fort building, basketball, identifying/learning about different things in nature (bugs, leaves, etc) Adult and older adult - yoga, coffee gatherings in the park, crafting in the park
11/06/2019 03:23 PM	I'm not sure of programming - keep kids busy and out of trouble - life skills, public safety,
11/07/2019 09:01 AM	Children - organized play, sports, science activities Youth - sports, yoga,

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11/07/2019 06:45 PM

meditation Adult + - sports, yoga, meditation

children's programming - all year

11/07/2019 07:05 PM

11/07/2019 07:55 PM

Type of Programming-For Children 12 and under-Playground activities including arts and crafts, sports, interactive games, a swimming pool not only for play but so that people can learn how to swim given the number of unsupervised waterways in our community--the needs of child 12 and under primarily and families should be met. There should be a good playground in addition to the programming provided by City Playground leaders and invited leaders. Some activities should celebrate the rich diversity of our community so that all young people feel comfortable and part of Thunder Bay. That is where the placement of a small heated swimming pool in place of the proposed tennis court would be the best choice. We need more activities that do not need partners or groups to play like some of the suggested sports (Tennis, Basketball, and Pickleball require.) Children need activities that can be enjoyed by one child or a group of very young children and the Draft plan seems to have a heavy emphasis on Youth in the suggestions. If you study the demographics of the area you will find there are many young children in the area from families and single-parent families who would like to use a safe play space closer to their homes taking into consideration the lower incomes of many of these families. Tennis and Basketball in large areas as proposed are not well suited to little children but more to youth 12+. I believe the greatest need is for the City to be serving families, children, and Seniors who may have problems walking to other areas in our city or affording costs related with getting to these areas. There are many tennis courts (many seldom used even now), skate parks and activities for Youth but they would also benefit from learning how to swim in a small heated pool as would Seniors and what a great way to exercise by yourself or in the company of friends if the pool were placed where the suggested Tennis Courts are in the Draft Plan. For people of all ages, I suggest a spot to play that can be converted into an ice rink ideal for Skating in the winter, and this can be an INDIVIDUAL sport for children, Seniors, and Youth as well. I recall using a chair to learn how to skate and this remains one of my favourite activities to this day. There is mention of a Change Room and Washrooms and my concern is that the Washrooms currently located at Marina Park are closed most of the time especially during Live on the Waterfront when only port-a-potties are available. Will this issue arise for the same reason...not certain what that reason is but there must be one...so unless tied to a fenced in Pool I don't know how feasible that idea is. I like the idea of flowers and trees but do not suggest Crab trees (have one in my yard) which require a lot of maintenance....causing slips and falls, and attracting animals causing problems when the apples fall. Fruit trees with edible fruit could cause similar problems. My biggest concern would be allergies if people eat the fruit...would they sue the city...just concerned. The community garden if manned may work and I recommend connecting with Roots to Harvest for advice. The sitting area would be good but added picnic tables would be

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ideal for groups, families and craft and game activities. We certainly cannot afford to do all of this but I would like to see a small swimming pool where individuals of all ages can enjoy healthy fenced activities individually or with families or with friends, and where they can learn how to swim and make lifelong friendships as I did at Dease Pool, as part of this Plan, and an active Playground Leader program in Dease Park itself in the summer for children and Youth. Schools provide many after school activities during the school year, but we need a plan to ensure happy safe children are positively occupied in the summer months. If we give our children positive experiences early in life there are great possibilities that they will continue on this path and grow up to be strong community youth able to resist gang life an attraction as they grow. Having a park with a good playground and sitting area is also good for other parts of the year for people of all ages. Older adults can swim, walk, do yoga, play cards, read, and do a host of good activities in a friendly park...but don't forget we are often on our own and swimming is one activity we can enjoy not just for our health but because we can do it individually. My suggestion is that you reconsider a small heated healthy fenced pool as part of this plan and continue the good Playground Programs that were introduced this past summer. A good start that can grow with each added summer. Our community will be a better place if we make the Park and Pool positive places for families, children and Seniors.

11/08/2019 12:28 AM

Social drop in for seniors. Most places in town only have programs for seniors who are active, leaving nothing for seniors with limited mobility/limited social opportunities. No one needs a tennis court. Every tennis court that I can think of in the city sits unused and overgrown eventually to be removed or abandoned. Our weather here is only nice enough for perhaps 5 weeks for outdoor pickle ball so a te bus/pickle ball court is a huge waste of time and does nothing for little kids. A community garden/ shade area sounds like a great place for drug deals to go down which is most likely what it will be used for. You should give your head a shake.

11/09/2019 09:57

AM

Children's Programming - Skateboard lessons Youth Programming - Skateboard lessons Adult Programming - Skateboard lessons Family Events (all ages) - Skateboard contests

11/12/2019 12:49 PM

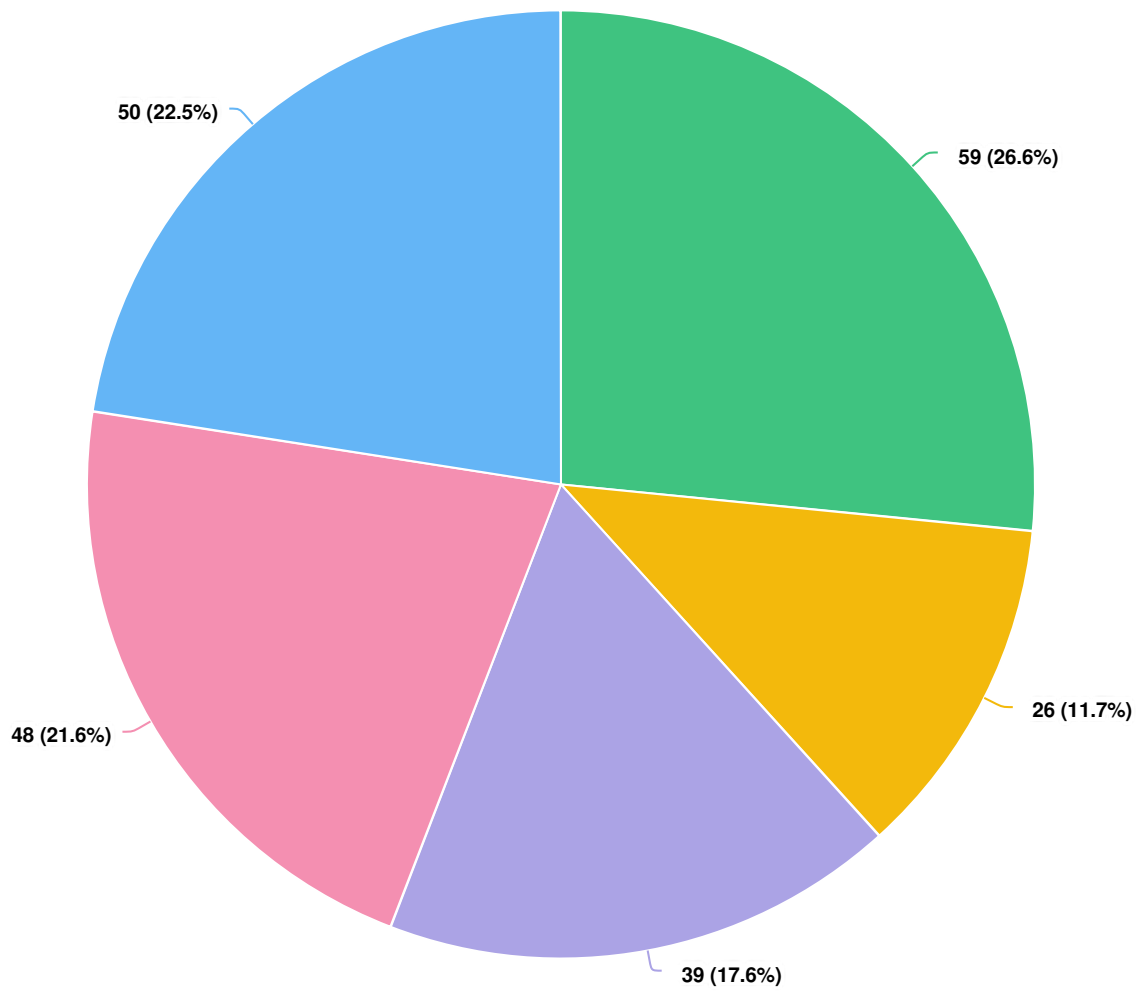
11/12/2019 01:35

PM

I won't appreciate broken windows from stray balls, I hope the city is prepared to pay for any such mishap.
Swimming

Optional question (131 responses, 92 skipped)

Q9 How do you feel about having a re-designed Dease Pool/Park area?



Question options

- Very unhappy
- Unhappy
- Neutral
- Happy
- Very happy

Optional question (222 responses, 1 skipped)

Q10 | General Comments: Do you have any additional feedback?

- 10/24/2019 11:47 AM
We need more programs in that area. There are alot of low income residents living there that are unable to afford extra curricular activities
- 10/24/2019 12:08 PM
I think it should be turned into a splash pad and some type of garden
- 10/24/2019 12:23 PM
I like the idea of repurposing the existing pool site. But since there seems to be vocal opposition to losing the pool, why not build a modern pool facility (similar to Widnall Pool or Heath Pool) on the Dease park site?
- 10/24/2019 12:57 PM
I was very upset to hear of the pool closing as that was a huge factor on my purchase of my house 4 years ago. I have since been happier knowing that there is something in the works to redirect from a pool to something useful all year round
A dog park in the area would be most important to me.
- 10/24/2019 01:13 PM
happy if it is re-designed / re-purposed - don't like your plan - convert pool to splash pad - plumbing is there, just fill in pool and erect fun splash pad structure - instead of a rink surface, install a skate park - this is what kids today are looking for
- 10/24/2019 01:14 PM
I would support the city refurbishing then pool and amenities or building are new outdoor pool for the families that live in that neighborhood. I grew up in Westfort and as a young person with 6 siblings we regularly used the heath park pool all summer. They were the best days. My parents could not afford to take us to an indoor facility. My father worked and my mother did not drive. The neighbourhoo d pool was a safe place to meet friends and cool off in the summer. We enjoyed the benefits of being outdoors while being supervised by lifeguards at the pool. It was the best of times. I would like to see this be available for years to come for the children in that area.
- 10/24/2019 01:33 PM
Please move forward in upgrading this section of town, keep up with the changing times.
Put a pool back in the area for family's to use
- 10/24/2019 01:37 PM
Don't be fools; rebuild the pool. I live within sight of it, you can NOT tell me it was underutilized.
- 10/24/2019 02:48 PM
More sitting areas means more people drunk sleepi g on more benches. The amount of cans and needles disposed on the grass is unsafe. The permanent washroom is an awful idea as people have sex in from of everyone already. Could you imagine a child walking in to see that or have a convicted child sex offender waiting to get someone. This areas is surrounded by more then multiple sex offenders. To be honest just get a bigger playground and keep the fence around d the pool. I would hate to see

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more drunks enjoying the free seating.
Please do not waste any more money on the Dease Pool, close it down.

10/24/2019 03:34 PM

10/24/2019 03:42 PM

If your going to force changes due to closure of dease pool, follow through with the proposed changes

10/24/2019 03:57 PM

I really would love to see the pool back open as on really warm days, there isn't much for the children to do to cool off if they are not allowed to go to the dangerous part of dease (which they need to go through to get to the other pool) however, as it seems that there is nothing we can do reverse the councils decision, make sure that all moneys saved goes back into the SAME area that they saved from... follow through with the planned changes. Listen to the neighbours in that area, they know best what is needed and not needed.
Please consult with local Pickleball and Tennis groups to implement a maximized play area for both sports.

10/24/2019 04:23 PM

10/24/2019 05:22 PM

I didn't read the rhetoric. If you mean by redesign to scrap the pool and put up a condo I feel very sad. If you mean fix and improve the pool I am in favor

How about building a POOL!!!!

10/24/2019 07:32 PM

10/24/2019 07:43 PM

I think there should be a pool!!!! Kids should have the opportunity to swim. Sure a playground is great too but just fix the pool. That is what the community wants.

10/24/2019 07:49 PM

I think splash pad or splash pad/Rink (like the marina would be great in the area

10/24/2019 08:10 PM

I don't like the new design you have planned for the dease pool site. Children and their families enjoy going swimming getting wet running through water. If your going to add anything do it to dease park and add water play areas the families will come and stay under your shaded trees and have picnics there. As for the pool I really think you could reuse and renew and bring it back to its glory. Enough money spent on useless things like tennis courts or soccer fields restore our historical pool please. Thank you .

10/24/2019 09:01 PM

I live on Dease Street a few blocks away from the park. I have two children 1yr and 12yrs of age. The Dease Pool IS NOT NEEDED (we use the widnall pool regularly, even though the Dease Pool is closer). and the space would serve the community if it were repurposed for some other recreational purpose ... ie a "modern" Outdoor Basketball Court similar to those found at Northend or Oliver Road Community Centres.

10/24/2019 10:15 PM

I would prefer to see something like at the marina - a hockey rink in the winter/splash pad in the summer with a building that is large enough to have year round programming in with the change rooms and washrooms, that is staffed. This area needs that level of commitment in order to ensure the area is safe and secure. To remove the pool without a water feature of some kind is pretty insulting to the people of the area. At least put in a splash pad.

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10/25/2019 05:56 AM Please keep the pool. We use it in the summer. A lot of kids in the area use it and a tennis court would definitely not be utilized as much as the pool.

10/25/2019 07:57 AM I'm strongly opposed to the tennis courts being proposed as there is already a large plan for them to be built in conjunction with the renovations at Chapples park. In light of what is being removed from the Dease sight, I think a large new splash pad would better suit the area...Even though there is one proposed for

10/25/2019 08:20 AM Fix the pool, kids deserve to have one in this area. A ice skating rink would also be nice for the winter months.

10/25/2019 09:19 AM Bring accessible playground equipment to the park. There isnt much of that in the city and children shouldnt have to be left behind because of a disability

10/25/2019 09:35 AM Need a pool

10/25/2019 09:50 AM Pool? You note after consulting the people this new plan was made - what happened to the pool request? Did the people's voice fall on deaf ears?

10/25/2019 09:54 AM Fix the POOL and update it to a heated pool!!!!

10/25/2019 09:55 AM A pool! That wasn't an option in this survey

10/25/2019 09:58 AM Make sure there is safe access to the park and between parks (i.e. safe from vehicular) traffic)

10/25/2019 10:10 AM Nice how survey is geared to what they want to hear only. Instead of wasting money on garbage studies money should be dedicated to existing buildings, rec areas

10/25/2019 10:18 AM too many pools are under utilized and cost tax payers an undue amount of money. It should be closed.

10/25/2019 10:23 AM I'm very pleased with the direction of the design. While I understand the nostalgic sentiment towards the pool, the City has made the right choice. I'd like to see the City's parks have specific identities (Vickers: heritage/green space, for ex.) For Dease, I'd like it to be an activity centre. I think their should be consideration for the addition of a more complex ninja/parkour space and perhaps a skate park. And swings, all parks need more swings.

10/25/2019 10:24 AM The money that is going into fixing the park could have been used to fix the pool.

10/25/2019 10:59 AM the washroom and change room area seems very dangerous to me. I know personally I would not feel safe / comfortable using this facility.

10/25/2019 11:04 AM Emergency phone lines should be around for those using the park alone or at night

Obviously this City Council and City Administration are not listening to

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10/25/2019 11:16 AM

McKellar Ward constituents who want to keep Dease Pool and have it used free of charge by kids who cannot afford 'Tennis lessons'. Stop wasting our time with costly feasibility studies and truly hear what the McKellar ward has been telling you for over a year!

10/25/2019 11:48 AM

This city is a mess with crime and drugs and youre thinking about redesigning a pool that nobody used. What was the attendance record of dease pool in last 3 years? Get with the time, no one used out door pools anymore. Kids are glued to a gaming console. Josh Hewitt and his gang whined about the pool just to get name recognition. They never used it.

10/25/2019 11:50 AM

Need fences around park to protect residents backyards and homes. Items from backyards are taken into the park and beyond,need to go look for them. More parking is needed. Some need to drive to the park. I can't walk the distance to the park,the same for other green spots in town.

10/25/2019 12:28 PM

I supported the pool for that neighbourhood. So I would like to see the teens needs looked at. I'm doubtful they will be playing much tennis or pickleball. They need something geared to their interests.. like a skatepark as at the marina. Perhaps I missed this in looking at the proposed plan?????

Rebuild the pool

10/25/2019 12:30 PM

10/25/2019 01:17 PM

It's great the city is looking at sprucing the area up. Would be nice if they could put a new pool but if not, all we can do is appreciate what they are willing to put into this area. We use the park a lot but not as much as we used to as many times there are people drinking and doing drugs right by the playground. Not sure how to solve this issue. I've called non emergency to send an officer but we don't stick around as I don't need my son watching them shoot/smoke/snort their drugs or slamming a bottle of whatever.

10/25/2019 02:13 PM

I think ALL areas of the city should have this type of programming, equipment to engage our youth. Every large park/area should have basketball, skating etc. For eg - vickers park is highly underutilized and would greatly benefit the area it services.

Fix the pool and reopen

10/25/2019 02:31 PM

10/25/2019 03:10 PM

It's the area around it that also needs to be addressed. You will need good monitoring and maintenance to make it a winning proposition for the city.

10/25/2019 03:26 PM

As stated above, start thinking of all age groups in the city. Taking away a pool and always building splash pads is useless to young teens. Splash pads, kiddy parks.. those all are used by young children. We don't need a tennis court, we need something for kids of all ages to enjoy if the pool is going to be taken away from them. I see more teens at the pools than any other age group in the city, once you take that away these kids are going to find themselves getting into trouble.

Why not consider a splash pad for the children to play in to replace the pool

10/25/2019 03:37 PM

10/25/2019 04:22 PM

I don't think a tennis court would be useless, many of the other tennis courts in town are barely used. Ice rink/basketball court would be used a lot more

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10/25/2019 04:36 PM

than a tennis court. A Play area with a water pad like the one on Miles would be better utilized, I think.

With the kids losing the pool I think a splash should be a discussion item at minimum. Multiple splash pads have been installed throughout the city with success and a splash pad like the marina.. converted into a rink in the winter would be perfect. These kids need a way to play and cool down in the summer heat.

10/25/2019 05:36 PM

You could have made some of these changes AND kept the pool. We do not need the tennis courts. There isnt that many tennis players in this city and chapples is already getting great tennis courts. Nothing short of a swimming pool is going to make the residents happy and this council will be long remembered for not listening to the public.

10/25/2019 05:59
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I don't like the projected plan simply because its not new and updated. It is expected. We have many basketball courts in Thunder Bay, and there is a tennis court on boulevard that can be updated, and a tennis centre. No one will use the tennis court and I think its a waste of space. I would like to see an outdoor volleyball court in Thunder Bay. The only outdoor volleyball court in Thunder Bay is at Lakehead and you have to be a student or rent it. The city needs to expand the diversity of recreational activities and I would like it to be in place instead of the tennis court or the basketball court, or take a section of the open space and put it there. I would like to see an off leash dog park put in place here as well. I don't think many people will use a community garden. Please try and consider these recommendations from a younger adult perspective who wants to be more active and involved but not happy with the recreational options available.

10/25/2019 06:50 PM

Redo the pool please! I used it often as a youngster when visiting relatives in the area and think it should keep going

10/25/2019 08:10
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Is the survey based on assumption that renovating Dease Pool is not an option? Questionnaire is kind of vague ... to which community are you referring to? General thunder bay public or the Dease Street area? I spent many happy summers as a child .. swimming in Dease Pool & using the swings in the park. I lived in that area about 60 years ago and need more information about the current Dease Street demographic and what the people want in that area. I definitely would be against sports such as tennis which only appeals or is affordable for small segment of the population. I will try to attend any information sessions open to the public. ALSO re question 4 .. HOW CAN I TELL YOU HOW FREQUENTLY I WOULD USE THE DEASE ST POOL AREA if I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING IN THAT AREA? In question #2 .. you do not have a comment box as to what activities the survey take would like to see in that area ... FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THAT AREA. I WOULD THINK question #4 .. is for people who live in that area ...

10/25/2019 10:13 PM

We need a better playground! With the amount of money proposed to be spent it could greatly benefit the playground area that is severely lacking. We need a playground similar to Franklin st park because we have the space for it. I bring my kids there all the time but they want more, and I want more for

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them! They would love to have a splash pad. Nobody is going to use a tennis court. Not in this area it's not an interest to the majority of the community members. It would be a waste of space and resources. The basketball court should be fenced in. And we need a community officer that will make an effort to keep our area safe.

10/26/2019 02:37 AM

A tennis court doesnt make sense for the area. How many families and kids in the area have access to the equipment needed. Theres no water features close for families without vehicles to access. The only equipment and ball fields is in the mckellar school yard which technically ur not allowed after school hours... so where do kids have to safely play, and activities that are affordable and safe?

10/26/2019 03:32 AM

Pickle ball and tennis? Really? I honestly think that won't get much use. I don't know a soul that plays tennis, and it wasn't popular when I was a kid either. I think that part needs to be re-thought. I think it would just become an overgrown wasteland if that was put in.

10/26/2019 06:34 AM

Spend the money on fixing the pool for our children instead of spending it on a park. A tennis court, really?

10/26/2019 06:50 AM

Please make sure that this park is all Inclusive including the disabled as we have many in our community

10/26/2019 06:56 AM

Rebuild Dease Pool. The community has been advocating for 8 months and will continue to do so until their voices are heard.

10/26/2019 06:58 AM

It is beyond comprehension how the city of Thunder Bay can take away this pool used by economically challenged children and youth and build tennis courts that will not be affordable to all. To play tennis you need to purchase a racket tennis balls, have proper shoes. etc.. to go swimming you need a bathing suit and towel. Using the pools a place you can just go and have fun which the vast majority of children can do, whereas tennis takes skills and not all children have them. Playing tennis on hot day is dangerous a pool is refreshing and burns more calories and keeps children fitter. However is making this decision is mean, unthinking and should be fired... Not to mention adding more asphalt will increase the heat in the summer and not help families that may not have air conditioning. Not good to help with climate change either. Who are you people?????????????

10/26/2019 07:30 AM

How is the park and enhanced crossing going to affect Cameron St. Too much traffic, people drive like there is no stop sign and screech to a halt maybe at the corner of syndicate, everytime dease st. has construction or some kind of road blockage. Cameron St is not like dease. Our back yards are open to the street because our houses are on the crossing street. I think there will be too much traffic down Cameron St if you change the park.

10/26/2019 07:55 AM

Please consider a splash pad. They are so much fun and very safe. Not sure of costs but maybe a report would convince people the price is worth the fun it would provide for neighbourhood kids.

10/26/2019 09:05 AM

There needs to be something in this area for the children. Lets face it, Tennis courts will not be used. There is a lack of opportunities for children in this area to keep active and stay out of trouble.

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- 10/26/2019 09:34 AM
Why not just put a splash pad there for the kids if the people in the area area so upset about losing the pool?
- 10/26/2019 10:37 AM
Coming from someone who lives in a low income family, growing up we never had the luxury of buying tennis rackets and basket balls, or even skates. it was easy to go to the thrift and buy some shorts and t-shirt to go swimming around the corner from home. i grew up at 350 north mckellar street and it would be amazing to eventually have kids who would be able to use dease park the way i use it. you need to live in this area to understand that there are more drunks and homeless here than anywhere else in town and giving them bathrooms and shaded areas are just giving them more chances to sit at this park and do whatever they please in public! clear your heads up because all you're doing is making OUR park unenjoyable. if any changes are made i will never return especially because you have already taken away my pool. the pool kept us kids out of trouble. i am more than angry at what you're doing here. WE ARE POOR FAMILIES, WHY PUT TENNIS OR PICKLE BALL WHERE OUR POOL IS? feel free to contact me if you have anymore questions about my feelings surrounding this topic.
- 10/26/2019 09:18 PM
The inclusion of a tennis court is a waste of money. Tennis is a sport limited to the number of participants unlike the pool which included dozens at a time. Tennis is also elitist in nature and would not serve our community properly. Additional basketball and soccer facilities would be more appropriate. Also, consider replacing the pool with a splash pad similar to the one at the waterfront.
- 10/27/2019 08:34 AM
Learning to swim can save a life. I know children and adults who learned to swim at that pool. Children in that neighbourhood no longer have that opportunity. Build a new, bigger, better pool. Schools in the area have playgrounds, fields, and basketball courts. And who will clean up the crabapples? You have seen the mess the cherry trees make!
You have all these plans for changes that cost a lot of money. Put that money back into the pool and develop the park. Not many people know what pickle ball is or play tennis. Ask the kids what they want, that's not it.
- 10/27/2019 11:14 AM
It's shameful that the city has neglected the pool for so long while handing out money to interest groups and spending foolishly on other things. This pool should have been maintained properly and now the kids are paying for this neglect. We need MORE FREE neighbourhood recreation for kids not less. Your survey is skewed to get the answers you want and your plans are pathetic. There is nothing for kids to do. No wonder kids are unhealthy and getting into mischief. This neighbourhood has been neglected for so long and the city just doesn't care about the people who live here. Keep giving to the rich and taking from the poor!
- 10/27/2019 04:10 PM
If the city wants to do these changes why not just add the changing area and rebuild the pool? The new play ground, garden, tennis court, hockey/basketball rink would probably end up costing a similar amount to just doing a change /washroom and updating the pool to current standards. There are lots of people who want the pool to be kept in its current location and properly maintained. Given the age of the pool and the limited amount of

repairs or upgrades that have been done over the years it only seems fitting that the city take responsibility for the lack of maintenance and get the pool back up to current standards rather than ignoring the people who want the pool to be re opened. Offering a survey on future uses of Dease Park which has no option for a replacement pool seems underhanded. There is a 30 million dollar in door soccerplex potentially being built. I don't see why we cant keep the pool especially given that the city is willing to spruce up the park with this current offering in the survey. Change it add the pool and remove some of the other things such as community garden, tennis court etc. A new basketball court/hockey rink would be nice and would be great for the area as Delaney arena's two out door pads have been removed the last few years. But if given the option I'd prefer to stick with tradition keep the pool and in the future if budget were to allow it add the hockey rink/upgraded basketball court. The rest is superfluous. For the most part the park is fine there are nice big trees currently there that provide shade, nice gardens and pathways. If there was any upgrade it would be the basketball court but the pool should be given priority.

10/28/2019 10:19 AM

See my comments in question #8

10/28/2019 11:25 AM

Mckellar area does not need a tennis court. Very few people can use the court at one time. A splash pad would be much better if the city is not willing to fix the pool.

10/28/2019 02:15 PM

I believe that a pool is only available at best for 2 1/2-3 months of the year, but only if those days are warm and sunny. What is being proposed is a true community resource available year round for all ages. Good work!!

10/28/2019 02:52 PM

I don't think the kids that used the pool would be interested in a tennis court.

10/28/2019 07:40 PM

I think the tennis court and pickle ball is a miss. I don't think they will be used- it's wasted money. As a similar example, The exercise equipment at Widnall park is never used.

10/28/2019 08:26 PM

Please listen to the community and reconsider this closure. Thank you

10/29/2019 08:42 AM

My kids swam at Heath pool almost daily when they were young. Having a neighborhood pool provided the opportunity for independence (they walked there together) and fun with no admission fees. These pools are used so extensively, by so many kids, they are most likely the best value for money the community could spend. Reading the article about the money being spent on a soccer plex makes the city look very hypocritical when they talk about what the city can afford. It appears fairly obvious that the city is simply more interested in catering to the desires of families who can afford private sport teams, transportation and equipment. Investing in neighborhoods is not a priority. We want the pool back and replacing it with low cost, low maintenance grass and asphalt is not fooling us as far as seeing the city's priorities. Also, not having swimming in questions 2 and 3 makes this survey very useful to manipulate data. If you later advertise "public opinion" says xyz

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- 10/29/2019 10:11 AM
is the number one priority as voted on in our survey, with only the options the city likes to choose from.... Very sneaky.
This survey is leading, why is there no option to rehab the existing layout proposed. If the city is going to spend a bunch of money changing the park they should do what the community clearly wants and rehab the pool. I don't even live in this neighborhood but I see huge value to the city as a whole to have activities for the community in the summer.
Select items and services that can be used by everyone all year round.
- 10/29/2019 11:09 AM
- 10/29/2019 04:17 PM
As mentioned above -- Rather than pickle ball (what's that???), tennis or basketball, I would highly recommend that a skateboard/bmx park be built on site of the former pool; and that features such as concrete picnic tables be added in the tree park. Families and older individuals could picnic or play board games such as checkers and chess at the tables. Also, add in a large chess/checker pad on the ground in the tree park. I am strongly opposed to the pickle ball/tennis suggestion.
The pool should be restored or replaced
- 10/29/2019 07:47 PM
- 10/29/2019 08:04 PM
Let the youth decide what the youth want in their neighbourhood. If it's not the pool, than they would take the skateboard park over any and all other designs. The former pool location would have good visibility, lighting, accessibility, and it would be something that the youth would actually use and be proud of. Spent my entire life in this area. Went to school at McKellar. Never met a single person in this area that plays tennis, or even had a remote interest in tennis. Now bikes, scooters, rollerblades, skateboards....these are the things that these kids actually own and use regularly. Why not give them a safe space to do it? Why not give them an outlet other than the gang related activities that have been common in the neighbourhood for decades? These are street wise kids, the tennis court would be a slap in the face to the community. Please feel free to call if you have any questions, would love to help revitalize a neighbourhood that we genuinely care about. Thunder Bay Skateboard Coalition, Lifelong Dease Park Local
- 10/29/2019 08:23 PM
The proposed idea does not really fit with the neighbourhood. I don't think tennis courts would be used in this area. Rebuild the pool. Give the children somewhere to go. Offer swimming lessons and have activities in the park for children and families.
Build a skatepark in the location.
- 10/29/2019 08:31 PM
- 10/29/2019 08:53 PM
Skateboarding is alive and thriving. girls and boys of all ages are ditching the screens for skateboards. A quality skatepark is what the area needs!
- 10/29/2019 08:53 PM
I feel we should be building another skatepark over there, it's free and very light on maintenance. The marina park is always very full and the kids there are content and feel like a part of something. It's an activity people from all economic backgrounds can afford to do. It also promotes physical exercise

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- as well as fresh air and community. As great as yet another outdoor hockey rink would be, a skatepark would be fantastic, the kids in Fort William deserve to have a skatepark that's safe and up to code like the PA kids have.
- 10/29/2019 09:41 PM Turn it into a new skateboarding park!
- 10/29/2019 09:44 PM Bring something new to this area which is in dire need of revamping. A skatepark brings fun and youth minded individuals to an area making it overall safer.
- 10/29/2019 10:32 PM a skatepark would be a really good to keep kids in that area outside learning a new sport than so die most days.
- 10/29/2019 10:38 PM I think Thunder Bay would benefit from a more centrally locates skateboard park
- 10/29/2019 10:44 PM I think a new skatepark would make a great addition to the city, and if the indoor area is available for a skatepark then I'm certain it would be used year round by plenty of youth and adults!
- 10/29/2019 11:17 PM A skate park would be a great and long lasting addition to the park. Not sure how many kids are into tennis or what pickleball is but a skate park is the clear choice.
- 10/30/2019 05:23 AM Make a skatepark
- 10/30/2019 05:53 AM We would like to see a skate park Dease Park area
- 10/30/2019 06:05 AM Thunder Bay doesn't need another outdoor tennis court. I rarely see anybody using the ones we already have. We also don't need another boarded rink...the city got rid of a bunch of rinks recently because they weren't being used. Getting rid of the pool was a stupid decision, but that ship has sailed. Show some innovation, install something here that we don't have in other parts of the city. Climbing wall, zip line, low ropes course, play structure that incorporates the big trees.....not just the same old stuff we see in every other park
- 10/30/2019 07:52 AM Yes, more hockey, basketball, tennis etc is not what the majority of youth want. Listen to them and they'll tell you that a well designed and exciting skatepark in this area is desperately needed. The Marina Skatepark is small, and too far away for the kids, teens and adults of this area.
PUT IN A SKATEPARK WE NEED IT!
- 10/30/2019 08:03 AM
- 10/30/2019 08:12 AM I believe it would be beneficial to also consider a skatepark for the youth in the area. That does not mean it has to be a larger park like the marina, but a "skate spot" rather. I have seen the success of a similar project in Winnipeg in the West Broadway neighbourhood, where an open field with a rink and playing field added a small skatepark and the amount of youth and young adults that use this skatepark is amazing. I imagine there will be comments

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and concerns about keeping the skatepark clean, but the adults (like myself) who use the skateparks clean up after themselves and encourage youth to do the same, as well as encourage the use of helmets and safety gear. I work with youth in the Dease and McKenzie area and a lot of youth ride scooters, bicycles and skateboards, but the nearest skatepark is West Thunder on Edward St. or the Marina Skatepark. This is the one area of the city that does not have a skatepark and it would surely benefit from having one built considering the amount of youth in the area. I believe that some people still associate skateparks or skateboarding with injuries, drugs, alcohol or negative behaviour and that has to change. Skateboarding is now an Olympic sport. I do believe most people can see the benefit in spaces like skateparks, places for creativity, expression and in a sense, freedom. any additions would be an improvement to the community

10/30/2019 09:19 AM

You did a bad thing by closing Dease Pool because it was used everyday by the kids and families in this area. I like the sitting circles but I think they will become a breeding ground for vandals, drinking and drugs. We don't need that in this neighbour as we already have enough of that going on. Trees are nice but that also causes problems with people sleeping under them. My Children attended the Dease Pool many times we lived on Cumming Street I do believe it is a mistake to get rid of the pool just my thoughts

10/30/2019 09:34 AM

10/30/2019 09:54 AM

10/30/2019 11:50 AM

Please consider a skate park. I feel that it would go over really well in that area and you would get a diverse group of people wanting hang out together. It would also get more use as a skate park than a tennis court/pickle ball. As an individual in a wheelchair, accessibility and inclusivity is extremely important to me.

10/30/2019 01:35 PM

We need the pool back please

10/30/2019 03:32 PM

10/30/2019 06:49 PM

I like the improvements to Dease Park - larger playground, washrooms, better lighting, larger rec area are all needed. We still need the pool though. Children can't learn to swim at splash pads. Pre-teens and teens are less likely to respond to planned programming. It's not "cool". The pool kept them active, occupied and out of trouble. Tennis courts are usable by a handful of kids at a time. The pool was usable by dozens of people at a time. I would very much like a new skatepark please and thank you.

10/30/2019 07:36 PM

I would like to see a skatepark built in this location.

10/30/2019 07:46 PM

should keep the swimming pool repair to it should be done

10/30/2019 09:08 PM

Skatepark

10/31/2019 01:55 PM

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10/31/2019 04:20

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Willing to pay taxes for right projects! Art centre for forty million give yourselves a wake up!

11/01/2019 06:53 AM

I'm not a big fan of fruit trees, they are beautiful, but create a big mess. Otherwise paths, gardens and trees are fantastic. I believe that there should be a splash pad and skate park and programming for kids at the location in the summer months. The facilities should be locked at night so that the park doesn't attract the wrong attention. Maybe all schools within walking distance of the park should do a student survey as to what they would like to see in this space , the main question being if a pool is not possible what would you like to do and see....

11/01/2019 07:20 AM

You don't ask about soccer complex's x2. Just spend themoney! Don't build one of them and redo the pool! Pickle ball ? Really? Shake your head!

11/01/2019 12:48

PM

Let's include a four rink lawn bowling green. I would be interested in the planning, design and development of a club.

11/01/2019 02:25

PM

A professionally designed and built Skatepark would be number 1 priority and allow youth of the south core a legitimate place to ride when they don't want to cross town to the marina

11/01/2019 03:12 PM

A skateboard park would be an incredible addition to the area. The success the marina plaza has had is a perfect example, and having one on the south side would encourage many youth to take up the sport who would not otherwise be able to on account of their location and lack of transportation to the north. it would be a perfect place to keep youth off the street, and have their time and minds occupied by something productive. A true investment in thunder bay's future, the youth of the city.

11/01/2019 03:13

PM

Make into skatepark

11/01/2019 05:07 PM

Make a skatepark for the kids!!! Best use for the space! Also a splash pad?

11/01/2019 06:02 PM

No I do not.

11/01/2019 07:09 PM

This survey is a complete joke because of all the leading questions! The cart is clearly being placed before the horse here. You're asking us in the Dease Park neighbourhood to decide on a decision that's already been made, and this survey is merely a formality. Reopen the pool!

11/01/2019 09:39 PM

Very sorry to see the pool go away but realize it's all about money, I used the pool on a hot day but I suppose would welcome a tennis court in its place

11/01/2019 10:24 PM

In the section of general comments my feedback would be - as growing up as a youth in Thunderbay I am a strong believer of building a skate park for the youth. I am 100% on this side along with many other youth that I've grown up with. If you do read these general comments I would love to see a proposed amendment for a change to dease Park. The impact that this has on me is substantial I grew up riding

skateboards mountain bikes and other forms of sports and was introduced to skate boarding at our old location at third and high skate park since then I've been hooked in the right way and steered me away from drugs and alcohol and has also given me a clear path to other options Turn it into a skate park instead. I know so many kids who would use that

11/02/2019 08:01 AM

11/02/2019 01:17 PM

I think a new pool would be awesome but that doesn't seem to be in the plans. Swimming is relaxing and interactive and it's a great way to get people outside on a hot day. I also would love to see the skating rink happen. That is exciting to see in the plans! Anything to get people outside as it aids with depression and anxiety!! :)

11/02/2019 02:04 PM

In the case of Dease Park and former pool site, extensive consultations with the neighbourhood are required. I would suggest a real interactive process with the people over the course design, construction and maintenance. I wonder about the tennis court. Is this what they would like? I think space for a soccer field should be looked at. Soccer is a relatively accessible and affordable sport and enough space should be secured - even a smaller pitch. I also sense a basket ball court might be more appropriate than tennis. A basket ball court could also double for a hockey rink during the winter. Washrooms and a lending box of supplies would be helpful. Equally important are on-going staff in the park to be available for kids programming and other neighbourhood need.

11/02/2019 07:51 PM

I would like to propose consideration for squash, tennis and pickleball facilities. Squash is the fastest growing sport in the US and has had a major resurgence in past 4-5 years in TBay with over 300 active players. Tennis has some 1500 players in town and pickleball is growing extremely fast as well, particularly among older population. I believe further discussion on a racquet sports facility is warranted and Dease St. could be an ideal locale for this. Thanks!

11/03/2019 06:56 AM

No Tennis or Pickleball. This is an area that has socio-economic challenges and those are not what is popular. Also, no crabapple trees. They will be messy and a disaster.

11/03/2019 01:13 PM

youth in our neighbourhood can be seen riding BMX bikes, skateboards and hanging out...too big for playground structures and not interested in pickle ball or tennis i can assure you! My son is now 21 and his friends all complained from 14 yrs -current that they have to ride all the way to either west thunder skate park or marina both are very far from our neighbour hood. Yes they all still ride currently and see the younger kids coming up to these parks with the same concern 5 yrs later no place for them in our fort william for a good skate park. Delaney tiny skate park is not even worth riding on. Same goes for walking to go skating at the ODR west thunder too far and east end too far also Deleany outdoor rinks no indoor spot to put skates on or washrooms. You already have the pool hole... redo the concrete, add some ramps etc Can you provide me with the age demographics for our neighborhood in respects for 13-25 Youth? I would like this info for my Mckellar part ward mtg next week. Thank you Lisa

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- 11/03/2019 01:20 PM
The Franklin park skating rink is not good no boards cant shoot a puck around, no place to put skates on don't waste time flooding that just move to dease pool park with boards and have a room to put skates on. put in a skate and bike park for our neighbourhood. I grew up in neighbourhood now 21 yrs old see all the kids still riding and skating around still
- 11/03/2019 01:20 PM
A tennis court in a low income area? That is ridiculous! Are you going to give rackets out to all the people that live in this area? Keep the Dease pool. Lets use that money to remake this pool. You can't tell me that there are enough pools available for the people in this area. Do you think that they can take a bus and drive to Boulevard or Chippewa? These swimming areas usually get closed each year due to ecoli etc... That is a long bus drive. Try to think about the people that actually live in this area and not what the rich people on City Council would like to see in this area. If you can build an unnecessary 40 million dollar indoor turf centre than surely to god you can spend some money and rebuild Dease pool for people that need this facility. Thank you.
- 11/03/2019 02:58 PM
All the questions are geared toward excepting what the city is proposing not what the people really want this is a flawed and fixed survey
- 11/03/2019 03:08 PM
To spend money on a pool for a few weeks of the year, and only on nice days seems irresponsible. Funding should go towards things that can keep children active all year round
- 11/03/2019 03:14 PM
This area would be engaged with all ages participating in a variety of programming. Having a community garden would enhance the area. Roots to Harvest or an Indigenous led initiative on growing, cooking and eating healthy foods will educate community members.
Close and demolished the pool already
- 11/03/2019 03:15 PM
Wish you would keep the Pool.
- 11/03/2019 03:36 PM
- 11/03/2019 04:28 PM
Although I no longer live close to Dease Park I do have concerns about the proposed changes. I can't understand why tennis & pickleball courts are even being considered. Has any thought been given to the demographics of that neighbourhood? If the pool is no longer an option why wouldn't a splash pad be considered, similar to the one on the old Franklin School Street site. Children in this area need a place to play.
- 11/03/2019 04:42 PM
A skatepark on that side of town would greatly benefit the youth of the area
- 11/03/2019 05:00 PM
My family lived in this area when my sons were growing up. We often could not afford sports or other paid programs for my boys. The pool was always there. During the hot days of summer they were frequently in the pool. Widnell Pool was an option but it was quite a walk to get there and was packed with children. It is a smaller heated pool. Dease pool was much preferred by my boys. I don't think that a tennis/pickle ball court will ever replace a cool pool on a hot summer day...

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11/03/2019 06:08

PM

Focus on what the nearby community values and make it happen. After all, organized sports are only viable to those who can afford it. This is your chance to respond with action to those who criticize the millions spent on consultations for projects that may never be completed.

11/03/2019 06:25 PM

I am very sorry to see the children in this area lose their pool. I doubt these families have access to a camp or beaches and I would not want my children walking the distance to Widnall pool considering the traffic etc in this area. It would be nice to have more in the area across from the pool, but not at the expense of the pool!

11/03/2019 07:48 PM

This survey isn't worded properly as the 1st question asks "how often do you currently use the Dease Park area. The pool has been closed for over a year so why would anyone currently use this park? I think the pool should remain open as swimming is important. I took my son to this pool regularly and I lived in Port Arthur.

11/03/2019 10:27 PM

Concerned about security in the park area. Dease Park can have splash pad and playground structures. The pool should be kept and upgraded. It should offer learn to swim lessons- I learned there when I was a child living in the area. That area needs the pool. Our surrounding lakes are not safe to swim in most of the summer-bacteria levels, goose droppings, swimmers itch, and you must have a vehicle . The other pools are too far away for neighborhood children to walk to and would be too crowded. Who in the world thought up pickle ball and tennis?! How would those be accessible activities all children could use to cool off?! Booking court times, having equipment- really?! This neighborhood is not affluent- think about low cost activities that don't require registration, unless you offer swim lessons that could be scheduled just before public swim times.

11/03/2019 11:04 PM

I think the area definitely needs some TLC. While a tennis court sounds wonderful and looks good on paper, how many kids will use it? Safety needs to be the top priority. People of all ages need to feel safe!

11/04/2019 05:06 AM

This pool has been an important part of the community, a community I've grown up in and now live. The pool site and park area need attention and upgraded but not at the cost of a well loved facility like the pool

11/04/2019 06:14

AM

I grew up in the area and benefitted from pool and park activities. I'm not sure pickleball and tennis courts are viable options. I'm not advocating for replacement of the pool, but the neighbourhood would benefit from the inclusion of a water feature (splash pad). An area designated for skateboards is another consideration. Organized activities geared to the neighbourhood demographic are important.

Fix the pool already. Listen to the people

11/04/2019 06:32 AM

11/04/2019 06:48

AM

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

11/04/2019 08:12 AM

Although I do not live in the area, I am answering as a taxpayer. Impractical amount of money to spend on this facility for it to be operating 2 -3 months a year. City has to be financially responsible, time to redesign area to include usage all year round- winter and summer use. Add water element with splash

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- pad. Together with hockey rink, basketball court, quiet sitting /picnic space, maybe hill of snow for sliding, skateboard park etc. Lots of ways to include all. Rethink fruit trees... will make a mess with dropping fruit or tempting for kids to throw around. Who will be cleaning that up. Ensure lots of light and keep area safe from "shady business" taking hold.
- 11/04/2019 08:35 AM Why not rebuild the pool? It's the only facility that has such a long term history and is still popular. Give the people what they want. Rebuild the pool perhaps so it can be a year round facility.
- 11/04/2019 09:21 AM We need that pool. If you didn't grow up here you don't get it . It's part of the neighborhood where it doesn't matter if you're rich or poor, or what colour you are. You're a kid you're hot you want to swim. Everybody is the same. The pool is an integral part of the neighbourhood. When children and youth are swimming, they are learning social skills, survival skills (swimming), they are away from electronics, and affordable fun and recreation in a safe environment. It is a wonderful place to cool off on a hot day, many of whom do not have air conditioning. It is very short-sighted to remove the pool from this neighbourhood.
- 11/04/2019 10:05 AM
- 11/04/2019 10:19 AM Redo the pool!
- 11/04/2019 10:23 AM My main concern would be for the younger children of this neighbourhood. Playgrounds, rinks and places to run and walk are great, but I do not see the benefit of tennis courts in this area unless there is a huge demand that I am not aware of.
- 11/04/2019 11:34 AM All considerations for recreation should take into consideration all children in our city. It was very clear that Dease Pool served a small percentage therefore the cost to upgrade and maintain such a project made very little sense. We should be utilizing what is already built so maybe look into bussing kids from this area to the CC complex
- 11/04/2019 11:53 AM Please just close this pool down and let it go. I know people are protesting it, but change is rarely easy to swallow in this town. It's over. It's done. Let's just figure out how to move forward with it.
- 11/04/2019 03:12 PM replace pool with a new version
- 11/04/2019 07:44 PM Ask the students/ children that live in the area and DO NOT BE MANIPULATIVE MAYBE YOU COULD EVEN FIX OUR HORRIBLE STREETS. They are like wagon trails from the 1800's
- 11/05/2019 07:34 AM I do not think the pool should be rebuilt. In recent years usage has been limited. A splash pad would be a good idea.
- 11/05/2019 07:39 AM Need a pool
- 11/05/2019 09:32 AM Dease Pool is almost the perfect example of the consequences of delay, deferral, and dismissal as applied to infrastructure planning. It was well known with in the relevant departments of City Administration as far back as a decade or more ago, that, structurally speaking, Dease Pool was in need of major renovations and, possibly, complete replacement. At the time these

concerns were initially identified, a decision was apparently made at some point to do only the minimal amount of work needed to keep the operation going, such as reparging/sealing the basin while opting to delay pursuing any major work until the situation could be "studied". This study became the catch-all excuse whenever the subject of renovations/reconstruction for the pool came up for discussion. "Oh, we don't think we have enough information to make an informed decision and we have to study the matter further." Delay after Delay, after DELAY. Deferred back to committee repeatedly. Allowed to sink in priority as other, so called "far more important" projects were pushed ahead of it and given higher emphasis in council meetings and sessions. Until last year when ignorance and avoidance had finally allowed the pool to become so decrepit that it could finally be condemned. In the private sector, companies and institutions that allow their facilities to become obsolete and valueless tend to disappear, over run by newer, more relevant, and up-to-date replacements. Here, a closed sign just gets stapled to the fence, the property is allowed to molder for a while, and then it is quietly put up for auction. As to the accusation of excessive noise, the pool is open only during the day, not at night. Children do tend to express themselves by both talking loudly and screaming in glee when they are having fun. The immediately adjacent neighbourhoods and the pool existed in harmony for many generations prior to now, it is only within the last generation or so that the noise of children playing seems to have become politically incorrect or unacceptable to nearby ears. It is important to appreciate the extent of the area that this pool serviced during its operational lifetime. While that area is basically encompassed by Northern Avenue in the North, Waterloo/Balmoral Avenue in the West, Victoria Avenue in the South, and May Street in the East, these streets are only the nominal boundaries. In my generation it was not uncommon for kids to travel from farther away to make use of the pool. As a source of amusement and diversion, that pool ranked as both the greatest and cheapest form of entertainment that a child could wish for. As the demographic mix of the adjacent neighbourhoods changed, the pool remained the same, open to all with malice towards none. That pool served a vital purpose that continues to exist, a purpose that Pickle Ball and Tennis do not even start to answer. These are both high value sports that require a high buy-in in order to enjoy. For swimming, by contrast, you can get away with a Tee-shirt and hacked up blue jeans, both items readily to be found in the old clothes hamper, or you can visit one of the discount stores and score an offshore made garment for far less than the cost of a tennis racket or a pickle ball paddle. By all means, if access to the pool is deemed to be a traffic concern, then address the matter of the traffic; but do remember that Vickers Street, for all its pedestrian trappings, is a North/South Arterial on which is located both the primary detachment of our City's Fire Department as well as adjuncts of our EMS ambulance service, and any restriction on their ability to rapidly deploy and reach out to serve the public must not be constrained. Summarily, rather than being commended for its astute stewardship of our city's infrastructure, Planning and Development, and by extension, City Council as a whole, should be censured vigorously for their

collective failure to deal with this matter in a more proactive and timely fashion. As noted earlier, this is civic action at its local finest, dithering and delaying until time renders the need for decision and commitment moot or unnecessary. As a final thought on this matter, all of the courts under consideration, pickle ball, tennis, and basketball, would require a hard surface that, typically, is created by applying a layer of asphalt to a prepared substrate. Since when has asphalt become environmentally friendly or ecologically acceptable? We tolerate it for roads because it is cheap and easy repaired when damaged by frost and salt. However it is poisonous and organically destructive. How do you reconcile that combination with a park?

Not too crazy about the tennis court

11/05/2019 01:27 PM

No

11/05/2019 11:13 PM

Re open pool. Best use for the space. Wording of survey clearly contains bias of city employees who prefer non pool option. Pool all the way. I swim there few times a week and it's walking distance from my house. I change at home. It was free fun and exercise. A true loss for our neighborhood if it is not repaired.

I feel a lot can be done to make it a better area for the neighbourhood.

11/06/2019 03:23 PM

Please re build Dease Pool.

11/06/2019 09:47 PM

I have lived on Dease street for the past 18 years. My daughter, who is now 30 yrs old, went to Dease pool once and never swam there again, the pool was dirty (hair clogs floating) poorly maintained change rooms and the pool was always cold. She went to the other pool in our neighbourhood. I grew up in Kapuskasing, where is an indoor and outdoor pool. We paid to swim - seasonal and yearly passes with a tag that was woven through our shoe laces - I was surprised to see that swimming was free when I first moved here, this is something to consider.....

11/07/2019 09:01 AM

How about putting in a swimming pool. We have the money. Typical Thunder Bay bureaucracy.... move into an area because of the amenities... then the city shuts them down.

11/07/2019 09:34 AM

Removing the pool is not acceptable. Nothing can replace the wide array of ages, mobility and social function that a public pool can provide. Not to mention the impact on the surrounding community that would be lost with it gone.

11/07/2019 06:45 PM

My main concern is creating an area that will have positive impacts for our community by ensuring the people in the Dease Area are fairly and better served as other members of our community are. The best answers come from reevaluating decisions and putting people first when it comes to community planning. We certainly cannot afford to do all of this at once but I would like to see a small swimming pool where individuals of all ages can enjoy healthy fenced activities individually or with families or with friends, and

11/07/2019 07:55 PM

11/08/2019 12:28 AM

where they can learn how to swim and make lifelong friendships, as part of this Plan, and an active Playground Leader program in Dease Park itself in the summer. That is the right start and direction based on my life experiences in McKellar Ward and where I would like to see our community planning for this area go. Thank you for considering my recommendations.

Tennis is an elitist sport which is only a fair weather sport, a court likely to be unused about 11 months out of the year (if it's used at all). Westgate used to have a tennis court, removed due to disuse, con college has an overgrown court or it did, theres a court at the north west corner of Arthur street and the expressway: I've never seen anyone use it ever in the 50 years that I've driven past it. Don't waste taxpayer money on this option. The proposed drawing of the site includes a shaded area that looks way to secluded for anyone to use other than in the bright sun of day, otherwise it will most likely be used for any number of criminal or unwanted activities: people selling/doing drugs, people having sex, etc. Bad idea. As far as I'm concerned taking away the pool is akin to death by 1000 cuts. You're destroying the south end of town by taking away one thing after another after another, or perhaps, not so much taking away but putting everything nice in the north side of the city., leaving the south end with nothing. This idea of the south being the administrative centre is the worst idea ever, because after everyone goes home from these day jobs at 5 or 5:30pm, the area is desolate and prime area for the criminal element to do their thing without any oversight . It's funny that you actually have a walk here named after the woman who advocated for making cities walkable since the very basis of her philosophy is that you need eyes on all areas of a city so that criminals or people looking for places to do their underhanded activities feel like the public is watching and therefore that pushes those types to other areas. I could go on but why bother. This survey is just lipservice and the decision to screw the south side yet again was already made from the beginning.

11/09/2019 09:57 AM

Please consider designing a small skateboard park with the help of local skateboarders.

11/12/2019 12:49 PM

I don't see why anything has to change, we were happy before.

11/12/2019 01:35 PM

Again administration comes up with certain questions that they want an answer to pertaining to changing the area! But the one most important question they do not want to ask is, DO YOU WANT A SWIMMING POOL or a whatever we want to develop in this area?

Optional question (173 responses, 50 skipped)

FUTURE USE OF DEASE POOL/PARK AREA POP UP RESPONSES

1. How often do you use the Dease Park area?

a. Thursday October 31, 2019

- i. Not at all (0 times/month)
 - 1. 3x
 - ii. Sometimes (1-4 times/month)
 - 1. 4x
 - iii. Often (5+ times/month)
 - 1. 2x
- a. BETWEEN NOT AT ALL AND SOMETIMES
- i. 3x

b. Saturday November 2, 2019

- i. Not at all (0 times/month)
 - 1. 6x
- ii. Sometimes (1-4 times/month)
 - 1. 2x
- iii. Often (5+ times/month)
 - 1. 5x

2. From the below list, select which activities you, or a family member, would be likely to use in the Dease Pool/Park area

a. Thursday October 31, 2019

- i. Tennis/Pickleball
 - 1. 4x
- ii. Community Garden
 - 1. 8x
- iii. Boarded Rink (Winter)/Asphalt Surface (i.e Basketball - Summer)
 - 1. 20x
- iv. Walkways
 - 1. 8x
- v. Bigger Playground
 - 1. 9x
- vi. Open Green Space/Play Field
 - 1. 4x

a. Total = 53

b. Saturday November 2, 2019

- i. Tennis/Pickleball
 - 1. 3x
- ii. Community Garden
 - 1. 2x
- iii. Boarded Rink (Winter)/Asphalt Surface (i.e Basketball - Summer)
 - 1. 12x
- iv. Walkways
 - 1. 1x
- v. Bigger Playground

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1. 5x
- vi. "Pool" – added in pen to the Bristol board by participants
 1. 20x
 - a. Total = 43

3. What park amenities are most important to you: rank in order of importance (1 highest 4 lowest)

a. Thursday October 31, 2019

i. Shaded Sitting Area

1. 0x #1
2. 1x #2
3. 9x #3
4. 1x #4

a. TOTAL = 11

ii. Washroom/Change Building

1. 2x #1
2. 6x #2
3. 1x #3
4. 4x #4

a. TOTAL = 13

iii. Lighting

1. 9x #1
2. 2x #2
3. 0x #3
4. 1x #4

a. TOTAL = 12

iv. Trees

1. 1x #1
2. 3x #2
3. 1x #3
4. 6x #4

a. TOTAL = 11

b. Saturday November 2, 2019

i. Shaded Sitting Area

1. 0x #1
2. 0x #2
3. 4x #3
4. 4x #4

ii. Washroom/Change Building

1. 2x #1
2. 6x #2
3. 0x #3
4. 2x #4

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5. Someone wrote: washrooms closed at marina park during “Live at the Waterfront”
 - iii. Lighting
 1. 2x #1
 2. 2x #2
 3. 2x #3
 4. 2x #4
 5. 1x smiley face
 - iv. Trees
 1. 0x #1
 2. 2x #2
 3. 3x #3
 4. 1x #4
 - v. Pool – added by the participants
 1. 10x #1
 2. 9x smiley face
- 4. How often would you use the Dease Pool/Park area if the proposed changes were made)**
- a. Thursday October 31, 2019
 - i. Not at all (0 times/month)
 1. 3x
 - ii. Sometimes (1-4 times/month)
 1. 3x
 - iii. Often (5+ times/month)
 1. 7x
 - b. Saturday November 2, 2019
 - i. Not at all (0 times/month)
 1. 7x
 - ii. Sometimes (1-4 times/month)
 1. 6x
 2. Added by participant: “if a pool and community suggestions are taken into account
 - iii. Often (5+ times/month)
 1. 4x
- 5. Do you think more safety features should be added to help cross Dease Street (see draft plan)**
- a. Thursday October 31, 2019
 - i. Yes = 12x
 - ii. No = 2x
 - b. Saturday November 2, 2019
 - i. Yes = 15x
 - ii. No = 4x

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6. Do you think the community would benefit from organized recreational programming in this area (offered by the City of Thunder Bay and partners)?

a. Thursday October 31, 2019

- i. No = 0x
- ii. Yes (what kind?)
 1. Children's Programs (4 stickers)
 - a. Summer camps
 - b. Water stuff: keep the pool learning how to swim to save your life or someone else's
 - c. Developmental programming and accessibility
 2. Youth Programs (1 sticker)
 - a. Put in splash pad
 - b. Put in a splash pad or something for the kids
 - c. Skateboard park at pool site for the youth/upgrade basketball court
 3. Adult Programs (2 stickers)
 - a. Leg training, seniors in the water. Keep the pool
 4. Older Adult Programs (4 stickers)
 - a. Yoga
 - b. I work with the home down the street and the indigenous residents love the park
 5. Family Events (0 stickers)
 - a. Music in the park
 - b. Seniors teaching young ones about water traps – keep the pool
 - c. Music/movie in the park. Community basketball teams.

b. Saturday November 2, 2019

- i. No = 0x
- ii. Yes (what kind?)
 1. Children's Programs
 - a. Absolutely – demographics mainly families with young children
 - b. Save dease pool
 - c. Rebuild dease pool. Only swimming some kids in neighbourhood will experience all summer (half children/half youth)
 - d. Keep dease pool
 2. Youth Programs
 - a. Save dease pool
 - b. Supervised parks again that's everyday all summer
 - c. Rebuild dease pool
 - d. Save the pool
 3. Adult Programs
 - a. Picnic area, flowers, sitting area
 - b. Save dease pool
 - c. Save dease pool

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- d. No not all all. Last year operation only a few kids + adults used the pool. No support here
- 4. Older Adult Programs
 - a. Senior centre central south side. Where is it???
 - b. Pool so individual seniors like me can swim
 - c. Save dease pool
 - d. Rebuild dease pool
 - e. Rebuild the pool
 - f. 3x smiley faces
- 5. Family Events
 - a. Put aa heated pool as an option smaller with other amenities
 - b. Keep pool open and have programming instead of not telling youth to get away from their games inside
 - c. Save dease pool
 - d. Rebuild dease pool
 - e. Dease pool rebuild
 - f. 1x smiley face

7. How do you feel about a redesigned Dease Pool/Park Site

a. Thursday October 31, 2019

- i. Very unhappy
 - 1. 4x
- ii. Unhappy
 - 1. 1x
- iii. Neutral
 - 1. 2x
- iv. Happy
 - 1. 5x
- v. Very happy
 - 1. 1x

b. Saturday November 2, 2019

- i. Very unhappy
 - 1. 16x
 - 2. Participants wrote:
 - a. Save dease pool
 - b. Save dease pool
 - c. Save dease pool
 - d. Very unhappy
 - e. Save dease pool
 - f. Save dease pool
 - g. Save the pool
 - h. Rebuild dease pool
 - i. We want a pool, not pickelball
- ii. Unhappy

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1. 0x
2. Participants wrote:
 - a. No not al all. There are other things they could do with city finding in the parks area
- iii. Neutral
 1. 0x
- iv. Happy
 1. 1x
 2. Participants wrote
 - a. If we keep the [pool and make the site geared to the needs of young children, seniors, families & youth
 - b. Rebuild the pool and put in one neighbourhood skate rink – provide year round activities fir kids/families in the neighbourhood –only outlet some of these kids have
 - c. Only happy if the pool is part of the plan
 - d. This is a neighbourhood greatly needed
 - e. Swimming in Summer, skating in winter
- v. Very happy
 1. 2x
 2. Participants wrote
 - a. Only if you keep and rebuild the pool (think prevention)add year round activities, rink, maintain programming for families, designate the pool it’s rightful heritage designation with a sign, redevelop the community, shut down the drug houses, enforce bylaws, encourage young families to live in area by learn to sim programs, active swims with long summer hours, make this community safe again for seniors to walk in you have a building you could lease for indoor activities like pickleball, table tennis in and have youth move run year round

8. Additional Comments

a. Thursday October 31, 2019

- i. Keep the pool (it’s been a part of the park for 100 years. Summer time fun for young ones with no school is all about swimming)
- ii. Would still like to see some kind of water feature –really want a pool in the area
- iii. What type of trees will be right by the court? The court will be slippery if covered with leaves.
- iv. Rebuild Dease Pool
- v. Instead of a hockey rink, how about curling or some other outdoor winter sport?
- vi. Urban youth do not play tennis/pickleball! If not the pool replace with low cost/maintenance skateboard park
- vii. Rebuild Dease Pool

FUTURE USE OF DEASE POOL/PARK AREA POP UP RESPONSES

b. Saturday November 2, 2019

- i. Save dease pool
- ii. Save the pool
- iii. Save dease pool/rebuild
- iv. Sae the pool for the children and those of all ages
- v. Save dease pool
- vi. Save dease pool
- vii. Dease pool has been central to this community for over 100 years because we have had councillors with a heart for families, safety, children, and community development. What kind of councillors do we have now, that would decide only parents who afford cards and sports should give opportunity for their children. Exercise and sports that are free and safe are the first experience for children to feel included and front line to prevention of violence, joining gangs, mental health and physical health
- viii. Don't back away from your promises
- ix. Tennis, basketball and pickleball require a partner or team. We need more activities for individuals so they can come and enjoy the area even if they do not have buddies just family
- x. Picnic tables for families people in general are needed
- xi. Edible fruit trees are great but what about allergies. Crab applies what about animals and cleanup
- xii. A swimming bond where individuals of all ages can enjoy healthy safe fenced in activities – where they can learn to swim (thunder bay have many waterways)
- xiii. Have an open meeting where people can present and share ideas. Bottom up not top down
- xiv. Consult the people at an open session where people can present ideas. That's consultation
- xv. The plan should be more geared to children under 12. A good playground – activities that don't need teams or partners like tennis, pickleball, and basketball
- xvi. Save dease pool. This is free and accessible to all. Do the right thing!
- xvii. Community garden may work – contact roots to harvest
- xviii. Not tennis, basketball or pickleball. A ring in the winter for skating for individual children, seniors and youth who can make lifelong friends

General Feedback (from forms in ballot boxes)

- *Thursday October 31, 2019*
 - Get a pool (heated) back
 - Urban youth do not play tennis/pickleball. Replace pool with a skateboard park. Low cost, low maintenance = very high use
 - They should have cameras out because there's kids there
 - Rebuild dease pool
 - My opinion the pool could have been repaired for the kids. Taking the pool away from the kids really hurts people in that area. I grew up on Dease St and I had a blast swimming in the cold water.
- *Saturday November 2, 2019*

FUTURE USE OF DEASE POOL/PARK AREA POP UP RESPONSES

- To the city council – you are out of touch, you have lost control of the city, quit the council and make room for new blood
- Keep the pool
- Keep the pool open, it is used
- I lived in the area for over 40 years. My kids grandkids the pool. It is total uncalled for the pool to close. We need things for our new comers to be able to use something that is affordable
- Pickleball – tennis can only be played by a few at a time. Rebuild the pool! It's the right thing to do for summer recreation for all ages
- In the spirit of reconciliation, it behooves this city to repair the pool and create an amazing family space
- 1) Bring back pool. 2) left over funding to upgrades
- I went to dease as a teen mu children did as well. We (older generation) keep saying “these kids” need to get away from their cellphones and games but the very thing that can help that is being destroyed? I heard that kids aren't going anymore because of phones etc – people go through phases – when the youth decide to get back outside the facility should be there for them. So many issues.

NOTES:

- The Saturday session at FWG was also attended by demonstrators from the “save dease pool committee”. The vast majority of participants were represented by this group.

Attachment 5 – Detailed Financial Implications – Potential Decommission/Improvements to Dease Pool/Park Sites

Capital Budget Implications:

The table below summarizes Class D cost estimates to decommission/demolish the Dease Pool site implement the recommendations in this report.

Project	Class D Capital Cost/(Revenue) Estimate	Comments
Options A, B, C, D – Component 1: Decommission/Demolish Dease Pool Site		
Removal of existing Dease Pool/change room building	\$260,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> report 124/2018 cited \$360K; a more recent cost estimate cites \$260K which has been included in proposed 2020 capital budget
Option A – Component 2: Dease Pool Site Improvements - Passive Activities (excludes provision for proposed tennis/pickleball court based on results of public engagement)		
Shade structure/metal benches	\$86,000	
Concrete walkways, sod, litter and recycling containers	\$21,500	
Lighting	\$20,000	
Garden, fruit tree planting, soil	\$36,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> public identified some concerns with fruit tree planting
Dease Street traffic calming	\$40,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to improve safety, connect Dease Pool/Park sites supported through public engagement
Commemorative plaque	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> similar projects have ranged from \$5K to \$15K depending on how content generated, material used for plaque
Subtotal Dease Pool Site Improvements	\$213,000	
Contingency (30%)	\$64,050	
Total Option A – Component 2 Dease Pool Site (Improvements – Passive Activities)	\$277,050	

Project	Class D Capital Cost/(Revenue) Estimate	Comments
Total Option A – Components 1 and 2	\$537,050	
Option B – Component 2: Restore Dease Pool Lands and declare Surplus		
Estimated proceeds from declaring Dease Pool site surplus to recreation needs and selling land	(\$160,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assumes that historical/cultural significance of Dease Pool could be addressed through Dease Park location
Total Option B – Components 1 and 2	\$100,000	
Option C – Component 2: Dease Park Site Re-development		
Removal of existing basketball court, concrete walkways, existing trees as required, existing light poles and fixtures	\$18,000	
Concrete walkways and sitting area, asphalt permanent boarded rink with lights, playground expansion with safety surface	\$308,000	
Amenity building	\$378,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • represents cost estimate for 900 sq. ft. building to include: accessible washroom(s), equipment storage, open space.
Dease Street traffic calming	\$40,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to improve safety, connect Dease Pool/Park sites supported through public engagement
Light pole fixtures and electrical, metal benches, litter and recycling containers	\$42,000	
Open space playfield topdress and resod, deciduous and coniferous tree planting	\$24,750	
(Optional New Element) Water Play Feature incorporated into expanded playground	\$100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this cost estimate would not allow for a spray pad but a water play feature

Project	Class D Capital Cost/(Revenue) Estimate	Comments
Portable Skatepark Components	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> consultation with community required
Commemorative Plaque	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> similar projects have ranged from \$5K to \$15K depending on how content generated, material used for plaque; assumes HAC would support commemoration of Dease Pool site at Dease Park
Subtotal Dease Park Site Improvements	\$920,750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> excludes estimate of portable skateboard park components
Contingency (30%)	\$276,225	
Total Option C – Component 2 - Dease Park Site (Removals/Improvements)	\$1,196,975	
Total Option C – Components 1 and 2	\$1,456,975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> excludes estimate of portable skateboard park components
Option D – Component 2: Rebuild Dease Pool		
Replace outdoor pool	\$1,210,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> as per report 124/2018 and TBT Engineering Report
New change facility	\$1,600,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> as per report 124/2018 and TBT Engineering Report
Total Option D – Components 1 and 2	\$2,810,000	

MEETING DATE 29/07/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT Heritage Advisory Committee - Dease Pool Designation

SUMMARY

Memorandum from Mr. A. Cotter, Chair - Heritage Advisory Committee, dated June 28, 2019, containing two motions relative to Heritage Designation of Dease Pool.

OPTION #1

With respect to the memorandum from Mr. A. Cotter, Chair - Heritage Advisory Committee, dated June 28, 2019 we recommend that the Heritage Advisory Committee proceed with the designation of the property known as Dease Pool for its cultural and heritage significance as defined by Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

OPTION #2

With respect to the memorandum from Mr. A. Cotter, Chair - Heritage Advisory Committee, dated June 28, 2019, we recommend that as an alternative to designation maintaining a similar community use of the Dease Pool property be explored;

AND THAT the site be commemorated with a plaque.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Memorandum from Mr. A. Cotter, Chair - Heritage Advisory Committee - June 28 2019

TO: Members of Council
FROM: Andrew Cotter, Chair Heritage Advisory Committee
DATE: June 28, 2019
SUBJECT: Dease Pool – Heritage Designation

The Heritage Advisory Committee passed the following resolution on May 23, 2019:

MOVED BY: Mr. L. Hebert
SECONDED BY: Ms. J. Bonazzo

WHEREAS there has been a pool located at 370 Vickers Street North continuously since 1911;

AND WHEREAS the pool site has served the community since that date and has been a significant asset to the community;

THEREFORE upon completing the evaluation worksheet found in Appendix A of the Dease Pool Property Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report, which found that the property has low design or physical value, intermediate historical or associative value and high contextual value;

THAT the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that the property known as Dease Pool be designated as a heritage property for its cultural and heritage significance as defined by Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Ms. J. Bonazzo
SECONDED BY: Ms. H. Strobl

WHEREAS there has been a pool located at 370 Vickers Street North continuously since 1911;

AND WHEREAS the pool site has served the community since that date and has been a significant asset to the community;

The Heritage Advisory Committee recommends as an alternative to designation;

THAT maintaining a similar community use for the property should be explored;

AND THAT commemoration of the site, including a plaque, should be undertaken using the research uncovered in the Dease Pool Property Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report.

CARRIED

The Heritage Advisory Committee put the Dease Pool property through its established Cultural Heritage Property Evaluation System to assess its potential for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act. Under Ontario Regulation 9/06 a property can be designated if it meets one or more of the following criteria of cultural heritage value:

1. It has design or physical value;
2. It has historical or associative value;
3. It has contextual value.

The Heritage Advisory Committee's evaluation concluded that Dease Pool should be considered for designation because it scored high on contextual value and intermediate on historical or associative value. It scored low on design or physical value. The overall score of 93 out of a possible 180 points indicates that it should be considered for designation.

The Dease Pool Property - Cultural Heritage Evaluation Summary Report is attached. The full report is available through the Office of the City Clerk.

Please consider the following motions at the July 29, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

With respect to the memorandum from Mr. A. Cotter, Chair Heritage Advisory Committee, dated June 28, 2019 we recommend that the Heritage Advisory Committee proceed with the designation of the property known as Dease Pool for its cultural and heritage significance as defined by Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

With respect to the memorandum from Mr. A. Cotter, Chair Heritage Advisory Committee, dated June 28, 2019 we recommend that as an alternative to designation maintaining a similar community use the Dease Pool property be explored; and that the site be commemorated with a plaque.

Sincerely,



Andrew Cotter
Chair Heritage Advisory Committee

Cc: Norm Gale, City Manager
John Hannam, City Clerk
Krista Power, Deputy City Clerk



Thunder Bay Heritage Advisory Committee

Dease Pool Property

Cultural Heritage Evaluation Summary Report

(Complete report is available through the Office of The City Clerk)

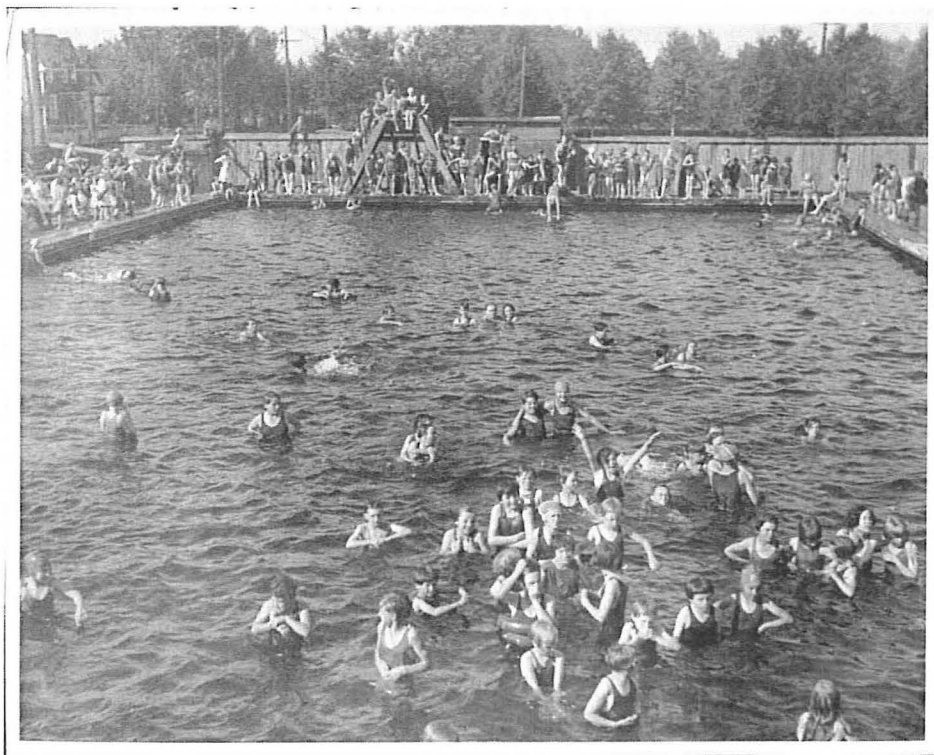


Figure 1 Dease Pool ca.1911 TBA 1991-1-259

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Executive Summary

Thunder Bay City Council passed a motion to close Dease Pool at the December 10, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting, this motion was ratified at the City Council meeting on December 17, 2018. Local citizens, concerned with the closure, began petitioning city council and also appeared before the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) at the Thursday, January 24, 2019 meeting.

At that meeting, HAC agreed to put the Dease Pool property through its established Cultural Heritage Property Evaluation System to evaluate the pool and further assess its heritage value. A sub-committee was struck to complete this evaluation for potential designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The Dease Pool property had previously been identified as having heritage value and was listed on City of Thunder Bay's Heritage Register in 2010.

Sub-committee members have met and completed their assessment of the Dease Pool property using the established Cultural Heritage Property Evaluation System. The sub-committee further developed this report to provide the "Results of Evaluation", identify applicable heritage policies, and provide summarizations of geographic and historical context of the area including Dease Pool itself.

The checklist completed by the sub-committee indicated that the Dease Pool property warrants consideration for heritage designation. As the Dease Pool property met at least one criterion outlined in the Cultural Heritage Property Evaluation System (Feb. 21, 2019), it is eligible for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. As the values exhibited by the property are primarily associative and have limited ties to the design or physicality of the structure there are few physical heritage attributes that express the value of the property. A Statement of Cultural Heritage Value has been prepared. Therefore, the following recommendations should be considered to determine the future of the property:

1. Maintaining a similar community use for the property should be explored;
2. Commemoration of the site, including a plaque, should be undertaken using the research uncovered in the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report;
3. Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report should be submitted to City Administration after ratification by the Heritage Advisory Committee.



Site Description and Historical Context – Dease Pool Property

Site Description

The Dease Pool property is a .436 acre of land located in southern downtown core in the McKellar Ward, formerly known as the City of Fort William, in the current city of Thunder Bay.

The property borders the east side of Vickers Street North and the south side of Dease Street.

The area around the property is predominantly residential in nature.

Dease Park is located north of the Dease Pool property.

Address:

370 Vickers Street North,
Thunder Bay, Ontario

Legal Description:

PLAN 210 LOT 340 TO 347

Roll Number:

5804 040146 001

Name of Property Owner:

City of Thunder Bay

Year Built: 1911

Style: Public Swimming Pool

Landscape Category: Defined

Access: Unrestricted

Current Land Use: Open Space Zone



Figure 2 Map showing location of Dease Pool property



Figure 3 Aerial view of Dease Pool property 1981 TBA 2013-07-2693



Evaluation of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Taking into consideration the historical research and reports, a sub-committee of the Heritage Advisory Committee evaluated the Dease Pool property using the scoring system previously created by HAC known as the Cultural Heritage Property Evaluation System, revised October 2016. This evaluation system was established to determine Cultural Heritage Value or Interest as set in O. Reg. 9/06. The sub-committee evaluated the Dease Pool property, creating the basis for this report, during meetings held March 8 and March 14, 2019. The report is a consensus based on analyses of 3 sub-committee members. (L. Abthorpe, Heritage Researcher, acted as secretary for the sub-committee and did not submit towards the evaluation.) Based on the evaluations of the sub-committee, L. Abthorpe produced this evaluation report. A site visit was completed on April 18, 2019.

Design/Physical Value

CRITERIA	EVALUATION	RATIONALE
STYLE: A notable, rare, unique, early or typical example of a particular architectural style, type or convention.	Good example	Outdoor pool few of which still survive in that style in the community. Outdoor pool – utilitarian.
CONSTRUCTION: Notable, rare, unique or early example of a particular material or method of construction.	Of no particular interest	Nothing significant to note of material, engineering design in regards to pool and associated buildings.
DESIGN: A particularly attractive or unique building based on artistic merit, design uniqueness, composition, craftsmanship or details.	Fair or poor	Functional, no decorative elements, alterations to site, original wooden structures replaced with 1950's structures.
ARCHITECT: Notable, rare, unique or early example of work by architect or builder of renown.	Of no particular interest	No known connections to anyone of significance.
ALTERATIONS: Has suffered little alteration and retains most of its original materials and design features.	Many changes but sympathetic to original property/building	Wooden buildings replaced. Replaced with cement block – changing facility same purpose. Original character changed. Filtration plant added in 1962.
CONDITION: Current condition and potential for enduring or improving.	Good	“Significant rehabilitation work is required” according to TBT Engineering report 17-190. Buildings are in better condition than pool and decking. The pool is still usable and was operational during the 2018 season.



Historical Associative Value

CRITERIA	EVALUATION	RATIONALE
AGE: Comparatively old in the context of the community.	Built between 1901-1930	Built beginning in 1910 and opened for its first season in 1911. Has served the community continuously as a public swimming pool since 1911.
PERSON(S)/GROUP, INSTITUTION: Associated with a person, group, organization or institution that has made a significant contribution to the community, province or country.	Person/group/institution of primary importance loosely connected or of secondary importance intimately connected with the property.	Board of Education brought forward to City Council. Board of Education consisted of important members of the community. Examples: Community committee formed (Swimming Pool Committee) with members of Board of Education, Separate School Board, Board of Trade and members of City Council.
EVENT: Associated with an event or movement that has made a significant contribution to the community, province or country.	Event of primary importance intimately connected with the property/building.	The Board of Education presented to City Council in the fall of 1909 the need for a swimming pool and swimming lessons. "necessity of a public swimming pool to be constructed and maintained jointly by the council and the Board of Education...it was advisable to place swimming in the curriculum of the public schools in the hope of eliminating the risk of drowning accidents". The Daily Times Journal, Fort William, Oct. 13, 1909
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Property/building illustrates a significant phase in the development of the community or a major change or turning point in its history.	Very good example	Major recreational and skill developed. Community came together to solve an issue. Development of the pool led to further community development.
ARCHAEOLOGY: Archaeological resources are confirmed to be in the site and are of importance to the community, province or nation.	Fair or poor	none



Contextual Value

CRITERIA	EVALUATION	RATIONALE
CONTINUITY: Building represents a significant contribution to the continuity of the streetscape.	High significance	Associated with Dease Park next door. Character of the neighbourhood residential – residential area continued to grow after pool was built. Pool was built due to community effort. Pool saved for closing by the community in the late 1970's. Current effort within the community to save the pool once again. Community continues to associate and interest high in keeping.
SETTING: Property/building represents a significant contribution to the identity of the streetscape.	High significance	Significantly contributes to the identity of the neighbourhood.
LANDMARK: A particularly important visual landmark.	A conspicuous and familiar site in the context of the neighbourhood	This facility is an important landmark for the neighbourhood and entire city.
SITE: Occupies original site and property.	On original site and property	Site use has not changed. The only development to happen at this site.

Results of Evaluation

The evaluation completed has determined that **Dease Pool property does have cultural heritage value and is worthy of Designation** based upon the criteria found in O. Reg. 9/06. Therefore, a Statement of Cultural Heritage Value has been prepared.



Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

Dease Pool Property, 370 Vickers Street North, Thunder Bay

Dease Pool property is an outdoor public swimming pool located at the corner of Vickers Street North and Dease Street in the former city of Fort William now the city of Thunder Bay.

The Dease Pool property's cultural heritage value lies mostly in its context within the community. In 1909, the Fort William Board of Education appeared before City Council to discuss the necessity of a public swimming pool in order that swimming become part of the public school curriculum, with the goal of eliminating drowning incidents in local waterways. By June of 1910, the established Swimming Pool Committee which included members of City Council, the Board of Trade, the Board of Education and the Separate School Board, began construction of a swimming pool in Fort William. In order to move forward with the project right away, forty citizens guaranteed \$10,000 by each signing a \$250 bond enabling the City to secure funds from a bank until such time as the debenture passed by by-law.

Dease Pool was completed and opened to the public in July 1911. The new pool became very popular very quickly and has remained so over the years. Threat of closure in the late 1970's faced strong objection from the surrounding community, which fought successfully to keep Dease Pool open along with the commitment to renovate.

Marking 107 years of age in 2018, Dease Pool property is the longest surviving public pool in the city of Thunder Bay. The original footprint of the pool remains unchanged, though in 1983 a fiberglass coating was added to the pool's concrete floor and retaining walls. Dease Pool property is a significant landmark within the surrounding neighbourhood and has continuously served as a summer meeting place for many local youngsters and their families. The property has value for its social function.



Conclusions and Recommendations

As the Dease Pool property met at least one criterion outlined in the Cultural Heritage Property Evaluation System (Feb. 21, 2019), it is eligible for designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. As the values exhibited by the property are primarily associative and have limited ties to the design or physicality of the structure there are few physical heritage attributes that express the value of the property. A Statement of Cultural Heritage Value has been prepared.

The associative value of the Dease Pool property derives from its use by the community for recreation purposes since the property began development in 1910. The contextual value of the property derives from the fact that there has been a pool associated with this property for the use by the community since the property began development in 1910. There is limited heritage design or physical value in the structures that currently exist on the property.

Using the Evaluation Tool, this property hit a high score in contextual value and an intermediate score in associative value.

Therefore, the following recommendations should be considered to determine the future of the property:

1. Maintaining a similar community use for the property should be explored;
2. Commemoration of the site, including a plaque, should be undertaken using the research uncovered in the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report;
3. Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report should be submitted to City Administration after ratification by the Heritage Advisory Committee.



Appendix A – Evaluation Worksheet

CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

1. Design/Physical Value

Possible Score

Awarded Score

Style	10	7	4	0	1-10	4
Construction	10	7	4	0	1-10	0
Design	10	7	4	0	1-10	0
Architect	10	7	4	0	1-10	0
Alterations	10	7	4	0	1-10	4
Condition	10	7	4	0	1-10	4
Sub-total (1-60):						12

Score: 41-60 = High, 21-40 = Intermediate, 0-20 = Low

2. Historical/Associative Value

Possible Score

Awarded Score

Age	12	8	4	0	1-12	8
Person(s)/Group/Institution	12	8	4	0	1-12	8
Event	12	8	4	0	1-12	12
Community Development	12	8	4	0	1-12	8
Archaeology	12	8	4	0	1-12	0
Sub-total (1-60):						36

Score: 41-60 = High, 21-40 = Intermediate, 0-20 = Low

3. Contextual Value

Possible Score

Awarded Score

Continuity	15	10	5	0	1-15	10
Setting	15	10	5	0	1-15	10
Landmark	15	10	5	0	1-15	10
Site	15	10	5	0	1-15	15
Sub-total (1-60):						45

Score: 41-60 = High, 21-40 = Intermediate, 0-20 = Low

Total Score (1-180):			93
# of Total Placings:	HIGH	INTERMEDIATE	LOW
	1	1	1

Evaluation: use 1

90+ = Designate

45 – 89 = List

Under 45 = No action

or

1 HIGH or 2 INTERMEDIATE = Designate

or

1 INTERMEDIATE = List

or

3 LOW = No action

DEPARTMENT/ DIVISION	Community Services - Recreation & Culture	REPORT NO.	R 184/2019
DATE PREPARED	11/25/2019	FILE NO.	
MEETING DATE	12/16/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)		
SUBJECT	55 Plus Centre Hot Lunch Program & South Side Reserve Funds		

RECOMMENDATION

With respect to Report No. 184/2019 (Community Services – Recreation & Culture), we recommend that \$19,807.76 be allocated from the 55 Plus Centre Food Program Reserve fund via appropriation #26 for half of the total cost of the renovation of the outdoor patio and pergola and construction of a new garbage/recycling shed;

AND THAT \$10,000 be allocated from the 55 Plus South Side Centre Reserve Fund via appropriation #26 for purchase of program equipment;

AND THAT any necessary By-law updates be presented to City Council for ratification.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for use of funds from the 55 Plus Centre Food Program Reserve Fund to contribute to capital projects, and for use of funds from the 55 Plus South Side Centre Reserve Fund for purchase of program equipment, as recommended by the associated Boards.

In accordance with the associated Reserve Fund By-laws, Council approval is required for access to these funds.

DISCUSSION

55 Plus Centre

In 2019, the Board of Directors of the 55 Plus Centre Board and the 55 Plus Centre Food Board jointly approved plans and contribution commitments for renovation of the Centre’s patio and pergola and construction of a new garbage/recycling shed. These projects are supported by Administration.

The patio and pergola project includes re-leveling of lock stone to eliminate the flow of water into the building lounge area, a new roof for the pergola to eliminate water build up that was resulting in mold and residue concerns, and coating of the pergola's lattice and beams to preserve the structure. The total cost of this project is \$17,351.15, split equally between the two Boards.

The garbage/recycle shed project includes construction of a new shed to eliminate the use of a dumpster that costs the Centre a monthly dumping fee. Having this structure allows the City sanitation workers to pick up the garbage and recycling without any additional monthly operating cost to the Centre. The total cost of this project is \$22,264.37, split equally between the two Boards.

The 55 Plus Centre Board of Directors are contributing the necessary funds from their trust account to cover their portion of these two projects. The 55 Plus Food Program is requesting Council's approval to access to the Reserve Fund for their program to cover their share of the two project costs, totaling \$19,807.76.

West Arthur South Side Seniors Centre

The West Arthur Community Centre Board is requesting access to \$10,000 from the 55 Plus South Side Centre Reserve Fund to contribute to purchase of equipment such as a floor scrubber, computer, sound system, and tables. The equipment purchase is anticipated to cost approximately \$20,000, with \$10,000 funded by a Seniors Active Living Centre grant and the remaining \$10,000 to be funded by the Board from the reserve fund. These purchases are supported by Administration as necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Centre.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

The financial implication of this request is \$19,807.76 to be funded from the 55 Plus Food Program Reserve Fund and \$10,000 to be funded from the 55 Plus South Side Centre Reserve Fund in 2019. Should Council approve this request, the uncommitted balance in the 55 Plus Centre Food Program Reserve Fund will be \$44,286 and the 55 Plus Southside Centre Reserve Fund will have an uncommitted balance of \$126,422.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the repairs to the 55 Plus Centre patio and pergola and the construction of the garbage/recycle shed represent improvements to the 55 Plus Centre and that the purchase of program equipment for the West Arthur 55 Plus South Side Centre is necessary for efficient and effective operation of the Centre. It is further concluded that these projects are supported by Administration and the associated Boards, that these projects are within the stated purpose of the relevant Reserve Funds, that the associated Boards are requesting access to these Funds, and therefore that the allocation of \$19,807.76 from the 55 Plus Food Program Reserve Fund and \$10,000 from the 55 Plus South Side Centre Reserve Fund should be approved.

BACKGROUND

The Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre is a City-owned facility that is operated by the City of Thunder Bay with the assistance of two advisory boards, the 55 Plus Centre main Board and the 55 Plus Centre Food Program Board. The Centre has been in operation since September 1992.

The City of Thunder Bay pays all operating costs including, maintenance expenses, utilities and is responsible for all major repairs and capital repairs to the facility. The facility is operated by City of Thunder Bay employees with the assistance of the Boards and numerous volunteers of the Centre.

The West Arthur 55 Plus South Side Centre is also a City-owned facility that is operated by a Board of Directors for the Community Centre programming and by the City of Thunder Bay Older Adult Unit for Older Adult programming that operates from that Centre on Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Outside of these operating hours, the Board of Directors is responsible for the operation of the centre. The City of Thunder Bay pays all operating costs including insurance, maintenance expenses, and utilities, and is also responsible for all major repairs and capital repairs to the facility.

Council approval is required to spend funds from the Reserve Funds established for each of the Boards.

REFERENCE MATERIAL ATTACHED:

APPROPRIATION NO. 26

PREPARED BY:

Leah Prentice, Acting Director – Recreation, Culture & Municipal Child Care

THIS REPORT SIGNED AND VERIFIED BY: (NAME OF GENERAL MANAGER)	DATE:
Kelly Robertson, General Manager, Community Services	Dec. 3, 2019

DEPARTMENT/ DIVISION	Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Financial Services	REPORT NO.	R 156/2019
DATE PREPARED	10/15/2019	FILE NO.	
MEETING DATE	12/16/2019		
SUBJECT	Tbaytel Dividend Model		

RECOMMENDATION

With respect to Report R 156/2019 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care – Financial Services) and 2019CLS.035 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care), we recommend that the revised Tbaytel Dividend Policy as contained within this report and encompassing three major elements (a Fixed Annual Dividend, a Performance Dividend and a Special Dividend) be approved;

AND THAT the revised Dividend Policy serve as a direction to the Tbaytel Municipal Services Board for purposes of payment of future Dividends to the City of Thunder Bay;

AND THAT a review of the Tbaytel Dividend policy be undertaken every two years;

AND THAT the next review occurs in conjunction with the 2021 Third Quarter update from Tbaytel;

AND THAT the Annual Fixed Dividend in excess of \$17.75 million be transferred to the General Capital Reserve Fund;

AND THAT the Performance and Special Dividends continue to be directed to the Renew Thunder Bay Reserve Fund;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding the current Dividend Policy for Tbaytel and to make recommendations for revisions to the policy.

The report also makes recommendations on the use of Fixed Annual Dividend in excess of \$17.75 million and future Performance and Special Dividends from Tbaytel by the City.

DISCUSSION

Current Dividend Policy

The current Tbaytel Dividend Policy was reconfirmed in 2017 and encompasses three components:

Fixed Annual Dividend

The Fixed Annual Dividend (\$17.5 million in 2018 and 2019) flows quarterly to the City. The amount in excess of \$17 million is transferred to the Stabilization Reserve Fund.

Performance Dividend

An annual Performance Dividend to the City of 25% of net income over approved plan is paid following the finalization of year-end financial reporting. There were no Performance Dividends declared in 2018.

Special Dividend

Following an annual review of both the retained earnings and free cash generated, the Board of Directors of Tbaytel may declare any available retained earnings as a Special Dividend at the Annual Members meeting or a Special Members meeting. The declaration of a Special Dividend by the Board makes certain that maximum return on investment is received by the owner.

In 2019, Tbaytel declared a Special Dividend of \$0.5 million of which \$0.265 million was included in the 2019 operating budget as general corporate revenue to reduce the tax burden (total general corporate revenue in 2019 budget - \$17.265 million) and \$0.235 million was transferred to the Renew Thunder Bay Reserve Fund.

Proposed Dividend Policy

In December 2017, City Council recommended that Administration review the Dividend Policy every two years and report back to City Council.

Further to Report No. 2019CLS.035 (Corporate Services and Long Term Care), it is recommended that the Dividend Policy be amended to increase the Fixed Annual Dividend to \$18 million for the years 2020 to 2023, and that the annual amount in excess of \$17.75 million be transferred to the General Capital Reserve Fund. The previous Dividend Policy recommended that the amount received in excess of \$17.0 million be transferred to the Stabilization Reserve Fund. The purpose of this reserve fund is to provide a source of funding in the event that uncontrollable or unanticipated costs or decreased revenues impact operating budgets. The uncommitted balance in this reserve fund is currently \$9.2 million providing a good degree of protection against these risks. As a result, Administration is recommending that the amount in excess of \$17.75 million be transferred to the General Capital Reserve Fund to work towards addressing the infrastructure deficit. This reserve fund is available to provide a source of financing for future capital requirements and currently has an uncommitted balance of \$0.77 million.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

The Fixed Annual Dividend of \$17.75 million will be included as general corporate operating revenue in the City’s budget. This significantly reduces the tax burden (by approximately 9%) of City ratepayers. The amount in excess of \$17.75 million will be transferred to the General Capital Reserve Fund to assist in addressing the infrastructure deficit. The estimated uncommitted balance in this reserve fund is \$0.77 million.

Both the Performance Dividend and Special Dividend are transferred to the Renew Thunder Bay Reserve Fund. This provides Council with the ability to address existing and emerging capital infrastructure investment and leveraging opportunities.

Since the formation of the Municipal Service Board in 2004, Tbaytel has provided \$297 million to the City of Thunder Bay as outlined in the chart below:

Year	Fixed Annual Dividend	Performance Dividend	Special Dividend	Total Dividend
2004 to 2019	\$271,125,000	\$7,239,000	\$18,200,000	\$296,564,000

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that City Council should approve the revised Dividend Policy as contained within this report, which serves as a direction to the Tbaytel Municipal Services Board for purposes of payment of future dividends.

It is also concluded that a review of the Dividend Policy should occur every two years and that the next review should be in conjunction with the Third Quarter update from Tbaytel in 2021.

It is further concluded that the Performance Dividend and Special Dividend should continue to be directed to the Renew Thunder Bay Reserve Fund and that the amount in excess of \$17.75 million of the Fixed Annual Dividend be transferred to the General Capital Reserve Fund.

BACKGROUND

Since the formation of the Tbaytel Municipal Services Board in 2004, the total dividend provided to the City of Thunder Bay (for the years 2004 to 2019) amounts to \$297 million, representing a significant return on investment to the community.

REFERENCE MATERIAL ATTACHED

None.

PREPARED BY: *Dawn Paris, Director – Financial Services*

<p>THIS REPORT SIGNED AND VERIFIED BY:</p> <p>LINDA EVANS, GM CORPORATE SERVICES & LONG TERM CARE, TREASURER</p>	<p>DATE:</p> <p>NOVEMBER 12, 2019</p>
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Corporate Report

DEPARTMENT/ DIVISION	Corporate Services & Long Term Care - Revenue	REPORT NO.	R 178/2019
DATE PREPARED	11/27/2019	FILE NO.	
MEETING DATE	12/16/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)		
SUBJECT	2020 Interim Tax Levy		

RECOMMENDATION

WITH respect to R 178/2019 (Revenue) we recommend that the 2020 interim tax levy be established at 50% of the 2019 final tax obligation;

AND THAT the 2020 interim tax levy be due in two installments, March 4 and May 6;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends an interim tax levy and due dates for 2020.

DISCUSSION

The *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that the interim levy shall not exceed 50% of the total amount of taxes for municipal and school purposes levied on the property for the previous year. In addition, taxes may be billed with a requirement that payment be made in the series of installments.

The City of Thunder Bay has historically offered tax payments in four installments, two each for both the interim and final levy. The main advantages of installment billings are:

1. They reduce the cost of current borrowing (or reduce amount of lost interest income) if combined with the use of an interim levy;
2. They provide convenience to taxpayers so that they may budget payments;
3. They provide steady cash flow; and
4. They reduce tax delinquency by provision of earlier payments in the year.

Consistent with prior years, Administration is recommending an interim levy of 50% of the 2019 final property tax obligation with installment due dates of March 4 and May 6, 2020.

Under the terms of By-laws No. 276-1990 and 277-1990, penalty and interest of 1 ¼% (15% per annum) is charged the first day of default and the first day of each calendar month that default of payment continues.

Tax payments are accepted at the following locations:

1. Canadian financial institutions
2. Cashiers - Victoriaville Civic Centre

Options for making payments include the following:

3. Cash, cheque, debit card, mail, or by credit card through a third party service provider
4. Electronic tele-pay and internet banking systems from one's residence
5. Pre-authorized monthly equal-pay plan using automatic bank debit
6. Pre-authorized automatic bank debit on the due date
7. Mortgage companies

In 2019, there were 44,400 tax accounts, which generated approximately \$225 million in municipal and educational taxes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

An interim levy will raise approximately \$112,500,000 over two installments.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that an interim tax levy is beneficial to both the taxpayer and to the Municipality and should be approved.

BACKGROUND

Section 317 of the *Municipal Act* provides authority for Council to levy interim taxes in advance of the adoption of the estimates and tax rates for the year. The interim levy is required to provide cash flow to meet current requirements.

REFERENCE MATERIAL ATTACHED:

None.

PREPARED BY: Kathleen Cannon, Director-Revenue

THIS REPORT SIGNED AND VERIFIED BY: Linda Evans, GM Corporate Services & Long Term Care, City Treasurer	DATE: November 29, 2019
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MEETING DATE 12/16/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT City of Thunder Bay Program and Service Review – Phase One Interim Report

SUMMARY

At the December 2, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, Report No. R 181/2019 (City Manager's Office) relative to the Phase One Interim Report on the City Program and Service Review was introduced as a 'first report' to allow Committee of the Whole and the general public time to consider the implications of the report before the recommendations are considered by Committee of the Whole on December 16, 2019.

Attachment A – City Program and Service Review, Phase One Interim Report, Grant Thornton, December 2, 2019 was distributed separately on Monday, December 2, 2019.

Report No. R 181/2019 (City Manager's Office) relative to the above noted, re-presented.

Letter received from Ms. D. Vacek, President - CUPE Local 87, dated December 9, 2019 requesting to appear before Committee relative to the above noted.

RECOMMENDATION

With respect to Report No. R 181/2019 (City Manager's Office) we recommend that the Grant Thornton Phase One Interim Report (Attachment A) on the City Program and Service Review be received;

AND THAT Grant Thornton be directed to proceed with the Phase Two review of key areas as outlined in the Interim Report (Attachment A);

AND THAT the Interim Report be published to the Get Involved section of the City's website and be provided to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Audit and Accountability Fund to seek reimbursement of costs eligible from the Province for municipal reviews;

AND THAT Report No. R 181/2019 (City Manager's Office) be presented at the December 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Report 181/2019 (City Manager's Office)
- 2 Letter from CUPE

Corporate Report

DEPARTMENT/ DIVISION	City Manager's Office	REPORT NO.	R 181/2019
DATE PREPARED	11/25/2019	FILE NO.	
MEETING DATE	12/02/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)		
SUBJECT	City of Thunder Bay Program and Service Review – Phase One Interim Report – First Report		

RECOMMENDATION

With respect to Report No. R 181/2019 (City Manager's Office) we recommend that the Grant Thornton Phase One Interim Report (Attachment A) on the City Program and Service Review be received;

AND THAT Grant Thornton be directed to proceed with the Phase Two review of key areas as outlined in the Interim Report (Attachment A);

AND THAT the Interim Report be published to the Get Involved section of the City's website and be provided to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Audit and Accountability Fund to seek reimbursement of costs eligible from the Province for municipal reviews;

AND THAT Report No. R 181/2019 (City Manager's Office) be presented at the December 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The proposed Strategic Plan for 2019-2022 includes a strategic priority related to a Program and Service Review in response to Council's desire for Council and the public to better understand the operations and services provided by the City.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Grant Thornton will present the results of its Phase One Interim Report on the City Program and Service Review at Committee of the Whole on December 2, 2019, and seeks direction to proceed with the Phase Two review of key areas. Report No. R 181/2019 (City Manager's Office) along with Attachment A City Program and Service Review, Phase One Interim Report, Grant Thornton will be represented at the December 16, 2019 meeting of Committee of the Whole.

Once approved by City Council, City Program and Service Review Phase Two is anticipated to be complete by June 2020.

DISCUSSION

Grant Thornton was selected to provide professional consulting services (Request for Proposal 34/2019) for a City Program and Services Review in two phases.

Phase One of the review, as well as reviewing at a high level all 146 programs and services, recommends key areas to review in Phase Two (See the Recommendations section in Attachment A).

Phase Two will be an in-depth review of the key areas with analysis of viable models and options.

CONSULTATION

The engagement process used by Grant Thornton is detailed in its Interim Phase One Report including internal and external surveys, public open houses at City Hall and information and updates on the Get Involved section of the City's website (www.thunderbay.ca/getinvolved).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

The cost of the Program and Service Review is \$256,536 and submission will be made to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Audit and Accountability Fund to seek reimbursement of eligible costs from the Province for municipal reviews.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that Grant Thornton's Interim Phase One Report (Attachment A) be received at the December 2, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting and distributed to the public for information. Following distribution of the Phase One Report, and approval by City Council, Grant Thornton be directed to proceed with the Phase Two review of key areas as outlined in the Interim Report (Attachment A).

BACKGROUND

On June 24, 2019, a resolution was passed at Committee of the Whole to award RFP 34/2019 – Professional Consulting Services: City Program and Services Review to Grant Thornton LLP, at a cost of \$256,536 plus HST.

On March 11, 2019 a motion was passed at Committee of the Whole and ratified by City Council that directed the City Manager to report back with options for various scopes on a proposed organizational review.

On January 14, 2019 Committee of the Whole received a City Services Profile to assist City Council in decision-making on the 2019 and as a first phase to discussion about the type of program review Council may select.

The last detailed Core Services Review conducted by the Corporation was undertaken in 1999 in response to financial challenges created by reductions in Provincial transfers. The consulting services for that review were provided internally by the former Management Studies section, which is no longer in place.

REFERENCE MATERIAL ATTACHED:

Attachment A – City Program and Service Review, Phase One Interim Report, Grant Thornton, December 2, 2019 (**Distributed Separately**)

PREPARED BY: NORM GALE, CITY MANAGER

THIS REPORT SIGNED AND VERIFIED BY: (NAME OF GENERAL MANAGER) Norm Gale, City Manager	DATE: November 25, 2019
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1126 Roland Street
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5M4

December 9, 2019

Krista Power, City Clerk
City Manager's Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5V3

Dear Ms. Power,

RE: Comprehensive Program and Services Review Deputation

Please accept this letter as a request to put forth a deputation to City Council on Monday, December 16, 2019 regarding the Comprehensive Program and Services Review. Focus will be to address efficiencies rather than the proposed reduction of services.

I would like Council to place a hold on actioning the reduction of services.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours Truly,

Dana Vacek, President
CUPE Local 87
DV:jc

MEETING DATE 12/16/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT Permission to allow deputation: Evergreen – A United Neighbourhood

SUMMARY

Memorandum from Councillor S. Ch'ng, dated December 4, 2019 containing a motion recommending that Committee of the Whole waive Section 5.08 (c.2) of the Procedural By-law to allow for a deputation from Evergreen- A United Neighbourhood and a second motion recommending that funding of \$20,000 be committed to Evergreen within the 2020 Proposed Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

“With respect to hearing a deputation from Evergreen- A United Neighbourhood, we recommend that City Council waive Section 5.08 (c.2) of the Procedural By-law to allow for a deputation notwithstanding the subject matter being subject to an existing funding program - Community & Cultural Funding Program”

Motion to consider providing additional funding to Evergreen for 2020:

“With respect to the decrease in funding to Evergreen as a result of the discontinued Community Social Reinvestment Program from TBDSSB, we recommend that funding of \$20,000 be committed to Evergreen within the 2020 Proposed Budget;

AND THAT these dollars be in addition to funding approved by the Community, Youth and Cultural Funding Program;

AND THAT the \$20,000 of funding be allocated from the stabilization reserve fund;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.”

ATTACHMENTS

1 Memorandum from Councillor S. Ch'ng

Memorandum

Office of the City Clerk
Fax: 623-5468
Telephone: 625-2230

TO: Ms. Krista Power, City Clerk

FROM: Councillor S. Ch'ng, Northwood Ward

DATE: December 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Permission to allow deputation: Evergreen – A United Neighbourhood
Funding Request for Evergreen Programming 2020

Evergreen provides basic needs to youth at risk living in our community, services that are regrettably in too great a demand. To be able to meet that demand Evergreen, its Board of Directors are constantly seeking out funding, conducting fund raising activities and advocating with appropriate levels of government for financial support.

The City of Thunder Bay has a long relationship with Evergreen providing funding for on-going operation through the Community, Youth and Cultural Funding Program. Regardless of the support from the City of Thunder Bay, Evergreen continues to struggle to meet the financial demands that they face and this has been compounded by the loss of the access to funding by the discontinued Community Social Reinvestment Program from TBDSSB.

Currently, Evergreen faces an operating deficit for the 2020 fiscal year and unless additional funds are secured there will be service cuts and potential closure for the organization.

Under the Council's Procedural By-law organizations are prohibited from making a deputation to Committee of the Whole if the purpose of their request "falls within the criteria of the City's established financial assistance programs". A deputation request received from Evergreen was denied by the City Clerk in accordance with this by-law.

In order that City Council, and the community at large, can best understand the position that Evergreen is in I am asking Council that it waive its rule in this case and allow Evergreen to appear at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting to brief Committee and present any request they might have for further and future funding.

To that end I would ask that the following motion be presented at Committee of the Whole on December 16, 2019 for its consideration.

"With respect to hearing a deputation from Evergreen- A United Neighbourhood, we recommend that City Council waive Section 5.08 (c.2) of the Procedural By-law to allow for a deputation notwithstanding the subject matter being subject to an existing funding program - Community & Cultural Funding Program"

Further, I would ask that following the deputation that Committee consider providing additional funding to Evergreen for 2020 and receive the following motion for consideration.

“With respect to the decrease in funding to Evergreen as a result of the discontinued Community Social Reinvestment Program from TBDSSB, we recommend that funding of \$20,000 be committed to Evergreen within the 2020 Proposed Budget;

AND THAT these dollars be in addition to funding approved by the Community, Youth and Cultural Funding Program;

AND THAT the \$20,000 of funding be allocated from the stabilization reserve fund;

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.”



MEETING DATE 12/16/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT Motion - Update from Administration - Zoning By-law

SUMMARY

Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro, dated December 6, 2019 requesting that City Council receive a short presentation from Administration relative to the updated Zoning By-law for the City of Thunder Bay.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Memorandum from Mayor B. Mauro

Memorandum

Office of the City Clerk
Fax: 623-5468
Telephone: 625-2230

TO: Ms. K. Power, City Clerk
FROM: Mayor B. Mauro
DATE: Friday, December 6, 2019
SUBJECT: Motion – Update from Administration – Zoning By-law
Committee of the Whole – December 16, 2019

It is my understanding that the Planning Division has been undertaking work to update the Zoning By-law for the City of Thunder Bay and will be bringing an updated by-law to Council in the coming months.

In order for Council and the community to be well informed, I am requesting that Council receive a short presentation on this work at the December 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting from the Director of Planning Services, Ms. L. McEachern

MEETING DATE 12/16/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT 2019 Management Review Report - DWQMS - City of Thunder Bay
Bare Point Water Treatment Plant and Distribution Subsystem

SUMMARY

Memorandum from Ms. K. Marshall, General Manager - Infrastructure & Operations dated December 5, 2019, providing a review of the Drinking Water Quality Management System for the City of Thunder Bay, for information.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Memorandum from Ms. K. Marshall

Memorandum

TO: Mayor Mauro and Members of City Council

FROM: Kerri Marshall, General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations

DATE: December 5, 2019

SUBJECT: 2019 Management Review Report – DWQMS – City of Thunder Bay
Bare Point Water Treatment Plant and Distribution Subsystem

The Environment Division – Water Authority has continued to demonstrate its commitment towards continual improvement of the Drinking Water Quality Management System (DWQMS) for the City of Thunder Bay Bare Point Water Treatment Plant and Distribution Subsystem.

Report No. 84/2015 (Environment) authorized the continued designation of the General Manager – Infrastructure and Operations as the Owners Representative for the City of Thunder Bay DWQMS. As such, the 2018 Annual Management Review Report for the Bare Point Water Treatment Plant and Distribution Subsystem has been completed and presented to myself, as the Owner’s designate. The annual Management Review evaluates the suitability, adequacy and effectiveness of the DWQMS and includes a review of the internal and external audits results, water quality results, operational performance and a review of system infrastructure as a highlight. The Management Review Report outlines the results of the Management Review and identifies corrective actions to support continual improvement of the system including specific action items, time lines and personnel responsible.

My review of this report finds that the Water Authority has demonstrated the continued delivery of high quality safe drinking water and their commitment to continual improvement. The external audit carried out by SAI Global in September 2019 confirmed the Water Authority is implementing an effective process for the continual improvement of the management system through the use of the quality policy, quality objectives, audit results, data analysis, the appropriate management of corrective and preventive actions and management review. The objective of the external audit was to determine whether the DWQMS conforms to the requirements of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (Version 2).

In 2018, Thunder Bay was one of the first municipalities to successfully transition to the new Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (Version 2) and the external audit carried out in 2019 confirms the DWQMS remains effectively implemented, meets the requirements of the standard and recommends continued certification. Further, the City of Thunder Bay received an inspection score of 100% from a detailed inspection of the drinking water system carried out in September 2019 by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

The Statutory Standard Duty of Care under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires system owners to be aware of the Quality Management System (QMS) for its drinking water system and its

components. Training for Members of Council on drinking water and statutory responsibilities for decision-makers under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 was provided on April 23, 2019. Re-endorsement of the City of Thunder Bay Operational Plan by Council was obtained through R93/2019. The Operational Plan documents the DWQMS and is based on meeting or exceeding the requirements of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' (MECP) Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS).

If you have any questions regarding this review, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



Kerri Marshall, General Manager
Infrastructure & Operations

- cc - EMT
- Krista Power, City Clerk
- Michelle Warywoda, Director - Environment Division
- Tony Santos, Manager – Compliance & Quality Control

MEETING DATE 12/16/2019 (mm/dd/yyyy)

SUBJECT Municipal Hazardous or Special Wastes Program Update

SUMMARY

Memorandum from Mr. J. Sherband, Manager - Solid Waste and Recycling Services, dated December 5, 2019 providing information relative to the Provincial Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Program, for information.

ATTACHMENTS

1 Memorandum from Mr. J. Sherband



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Mauro and Members of City Council

FROM: Jason Sherband, Manager - Solid Waste and Recycling Services

DATE: December 5, 2019

RE: Municipal Hazardous or Special Wastes Program Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an information update to City Council on the Provincial Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Program.

The MHSW Program allows Ontario residents to safely dispose of household products that require special handling, such as single-use batteries and propane tanks. Industry stewardship organizations are responsible for recovering additional hazardous waste products, including automotive materials; paints and coatings; pesticides and solvents and fertilizers.

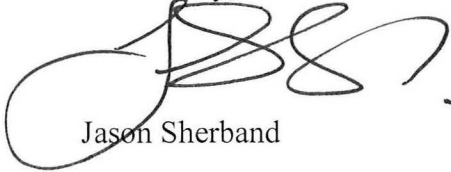
The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has directed Stewardship Ontario (the industry funding organization that operates Ontario's MHSW program) to wind-up the MHSW Program to enable the transition of hazardous or special waste to individual producer responsibility under the new provincial regulatory framework.

Under the MHSW Program, Stewardship Ontario (SO) manages the supply chain operations for single-use batteries and pressurized containers. Wind-up for single-use batteries is scheduled to take place on June 30, 2020 with the remaining MHSW materials occurring on June 30, 2021.

The City of Thunder Bay operates one full-time Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot located at the Thunder Bay Solid Waste and Recycling Facility. The City entered into a formal agreement with SO back in 2012 for management of materials at its HHW Depot. Since that time, several amendments to original agreement have been entered into as the program has evolved. The revenue the City receives as a result of this agreement with Stewardship Ontario is approximately \$13,000 annually.

In anticipation of the wind-up plan being approved, changes to the current Municipal Agreement are necessary to enable SO to make financial payments to municipalities for materials that will continue under the MHSW Program after June 30, 2020, namely pressurized containers. The City will be entering into an amending agreement with SO to ensure these financial payments continue.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Sherband', with a large, stylized flourish on the left side.

Jason Sherband

CC: Norm Gale, City Manager
Krista Power, City Clerk
Kerri Marshall, GM – Infrastructure and Operations
Michelle Warywoda, Director – Environment