



# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	March 7, 2018
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund – Courtyard Update (HSC18009) (Ward 13)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 13
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## Council Direction:

Not applicable.

## Information:

In 2012, the Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee approved funding in the mount of \$100,000 to construct a Gazebo in the Wentworth Lodge Courtyard. The Gazebo was completed in 2013. This resulted in more residents and families utilizing the Courtyard on a daily basis.

In March 2016, there were 16 ash trees that were removed from the Wentworth Lodge property (nine of which were located in the Courtyard) since they were infected with Emerald Ash Borer disease. This generated discussions from staff, as well as the Resident and Family Councils about not only the replacement of the trees in the Courtyard, but also other opportunities to more fully use the Courtyard for recreational programming and special events.

A workgroup comprised of representatives from Resident and Family Councils as well as staff met and discussed options to improve the Courtyard. This was reviewed with a Landscape Architect, who produced several options. A final proposed design was approved through the Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee in February 2017 with an estimated cost of up to \$100,000.

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As the Wentworth Lodge team proceeded with this project, further discussions ensued which included requests for increased lighting, shade trees, sidewalk repair, landscaping, pergola and a new fountain to name a few items.

The original plan included small trees with 4 inch callipers. The Family Council members were not in agreement with this size due to lack of immediate adequate shading for the residents. This change created some delays and eventually it was determined that trees with 8 inch calliper would be pertinent for the residents. The Ward 13 Councillor advised that the added costs for the trees would be covered through the Ward 13 area rating funds so they were then incorporated into the plan on September 27, 2017.

In light of issues and changes to the project, the contract was revised through Procurement, Financial Services Division and Legal Services Division, with the project beginning in Spring 2018.

#### **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix A to Report HSC18009: Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund – Courtyard Update