



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	September 12, 2018
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Wentworth Lodge Heritage Trust Fund – Courtyard Update (HSC18009(a)) (Ward 13)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 13
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Council Direction:

Not applicable

Information:

In 2012, the Heritage Trust Fund Sub-Committee approved funding (\$100,000) to construct a Gazebo in the Wentworth Lodge Courtyard and it 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) due to Emerald Ash Borer disease. This generated discussions from staff, as well as the Resident and Family Councils about replacing the trees in the context of other possible enhancements that could increase our utilization of the Courtyard for recreational programming and special events.

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

The Wentworth Lodge team proceeded with this project with discussions for increased lighting, shade trees, sidewalk repair, landscaping, pergola and a new fountain to name a few items.

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The original plan included the planting of young trees with four inch callipers but this approach was seen as inadequate as the trees would not provide optimal shade within the Courtyard. With the support of the Ward 13 Councillor, mature trees were incorporated into the plan on September 27, 2017.

Due to the changes to the project, the contract was revised through Procurement, with the project beginning in the Spring of 2018.

Update

The construction of the Wentworth Lodge Courtyard is now well underway and the official opening celebration has been planned. To date the project has seen the planting of four majestic Autumn Blaze Maples which provide beautiful shade within the Courtyard and the expectation for vibrant red foliage annually in the Fall. Concrete has now been installed surrounding the gazebo and concrete foundations are in place for the fountain and the trellis to be erected shortly. An irrigation system is complete and electrical supports are in place throughout the Courtyard to maximize its functionality for residents and families. Retaining walls are currently being installed as per the design specifications and these walls will also provide additional seating in the Courtyard. The Zen Garden is taking shape with the arrival of river rock and the installation of our Butterfly Garden is imminent. Project timeframes continue to be met and we eagerly anticipate the opening celebration of the Courtyard on September 26, 2018.

Appendices and Schedules Attached

None