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CITY OF HAMILTON
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Environmental Services Division

TO:	Chair and Members Public Works Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	March 23, 2020
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Waterpark Reserve Funding Request (PW20014) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

That the capital works required on the Eazy River Ride at Wild Waterworks to satisfy the Public Health Services order be funded from the Waterpark Operations Reserve (#112224) to an upset limit of \$530,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) operates Confederation Beach Park, which includes Wild Waterworks, on behalf of the City of Hamilton (City) under the authority of a management agreement.

Wild Waterworks is subject to annual inspections which include public pool inspections by Public Health Services (PHS). Following the August 2019 inspection, PHS issued an order requiring three items of non-compliance to be completed:

- That depth markings be added throughout the Eazy River ride,
- That submerged surfaces of the Little Squirt Works Spray Pad be made light or white in colour; and,
- That submerged surfaces of the Eazy River ride be made light or white in colour

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It is estimated that the total cost of the capital work required to comply with the order will be approximately \$530,000.

As this work was unforeseen, the full cost of this project cannot be covered by the existing approved capital budget available to the HCA for capital work at Confederation Beach Park. The work on the Little Squirt Works Spray Pad can be accommodated through the approved funds; however, the required work on the Eazy River ride exceeds current funding. Pursuant to the City's Waterpark Reserve Policy, the purpose of this report is to seek approval to fund the capital works on the Eazy River ride from the Waterpark Operations Reserve (#112224).

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 3

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The Waterpark Reserve Policy permits that Waterpark Reserve (#112224) funds can be used for capital projects at Wild Waterworks. The minimum target balance for the reserve is \$300,000; this request will not reduce the reserve below this target level.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In 2019, PHS issued an order requiring three items of non-compliance to be completed prior to the opening of Wild Waterworks for the 2020 operating season. The three items are: depth markings to be added throughout the Eazy River ride and submerged surfaces of both the Little Squirt Works spray pad and Eazy River ride be made light or white in colour. HCA has investigated the work required and received approval from PHS to extend the compliance deadline for the Eazy River ride work. This extension requires that all work be completed prior to Spring of 2021 rather than 2020 ensuring that the 2020 operating season is not impacted by the required work. In 2019 and 2020, the City approved a capital budget of \$175,000 for capital work within Confederation Park including Wild Waterworks. As this budget is not sufficient to absorb the full cost of the work specified, a transfer from the Waterpark Reserve is being recommended.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

The recommendations of this report comply with the Reserve Policy - Waterpark Reserve Policy.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The following were consulted in the preparation of this report:

- Hamilton Conservation Authority
- Corporate Services Department, Financial Planning Administration and Policy Division
- Healthy and Safe Communities Department, Public Health Services and Recreation Divisions
- Public Works Department, Environmental Services Division, Parks and Cemeteries Section

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Order from PHS for the upgrades needed at the waterpark and subsequent investigation of the required work came after the submission of the 2020 capital budget. Given the timing and sensitivity of the work, waiting until the 2021 capital budget process is not recommended. Doing so will delay the procurement process and not allow HCA to complete the work to meet the order deadline. The Eazy River ride in addition to the two (2) east slides would need to be closed for the 2021 season until the work could be completed which would impact user experience and reduce park revenue.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Require Staff to Seek Alternate Funding for The Required Capital Work

Financial: This will delay the procurement process and not allow HCA to complete the work to meet the order deadline. The Eazy River ride in addition to the two (2) East Slides would need to remain closed for the season until work could be completed potentially in 2021 which would impact user experience and reduce park revenue. As park revenue is used to fund the Waterpark Reserve, it is expected that a reduced contribution to the reserve would occur. Additional expense would also be incurred in order to erect safety fencing required to isolate the public from the closed area in 2021.

Staffing: Staff would not be required for a ride that is closed, resulting in a temporary reduction of HCA staff.

Legal: N/A

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Not Complete the Required Work

Financial: The Eazy River ride in addition to the two (2) East Slides would need to be closed permanently which would impact user experience and reduce park revenue. As park revenue is used to fund the Waterpark Reserve, it is expected that a reduced contribution to the reserve would occur. Additional expense would also be incurred in order to erect permanent safety fencing to isolate the public from the closed area.

Staffing: Staff would not be required for a ride that is closed, resulting in a permanent reduction in HCA staff.

Legal: N/A

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A