

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Public Works Committee: November 16, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Lisgar Park Bocce Courts and Lisgar Park Clubhouse/Washroom Facilities Security Enhancements (Ward 6)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton (the “City”) is the owner of the lands and buildings located at Lisgar Park, municipally known as 95 Carson Drive, Hamilton and which property includes the Lisgar Park Bocce Courts and Lisgar Park Clubhouse/ Washroom Facilities, hereinafter collectively referred to as (“Lisgar Park”);

WHEREAS, the City is committed to providing safe and inclusive spaces for all residents to enjoy recreational activities within their neighborhoods by implementing measures that mitigate risks associated with vandalism and other security breaches;

WHEREAS, several initiatives are currently in progress consistent with City Council’s July 2020 approval of Report #PW20046 whereby staff committed to creating a Parks Security Committee (PSC) in Q3 of 2020 that will identify all applicable park properties and categorize each property as a regular site or high priority property based on recent activities and criminal behaviors (past 3 years) and whereby a 2-year pilot “Parks Security Patrol” program is set to commence in the spring of 2021;

WHEREAS, there have been an increasing number of repeated vandalism and security incidents over the past several years at the Lisgar Park, including three separate break and enter incidents in 2020, and such incidents undeniably have caused erosion of the public trust and confidence in the safety of the Lisgar Park facilities;

WHEREAS, since 2018 over \$6,000 has been spent on repairs, graffiti and damages directly related to vandalism; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to proactively address the safety concerns of the community at Lisgar Park, as well as, to mitigate future risks of repeated vandalism incidents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That, in advance of the start of the Parks Security Patrol Program, staff designate Lisgar Park as a high priority for implementation of proactive security measures, so as to mitigate further risks of destructive behaviours at this park;
- (b) That the Corporate Security Office and staff in the Parks Division work collaboratively to procure and install security enhancing measures at Lisgar

Park including, but not limited to, CCTV cameras, intrusion detection systems, enhanced lighting, signage, fencing and horticulture related sightline mitigation and any other security measures as may deemed appropriate by the Corporate Security Specialist working collaboratively with the Manager of Parks;

- (c) That funding for the security enhancement measures at Lisgar Park, estimated at \$20,000 +/- 10% contingency, be funded from the Ward 6 Special Capital Re-Investment Discretionary Fund (#3302009600) and that the operating impact of capital estimated at \$150 annually for monitoring costs be appropriated to Operating Account Dept Id #792667; and,
- (d) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute any required agreement(s) and ancillary documents, with such terms and conditions in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.