

Staff Report

To: Mayor and Members of Council Meeting of August 29, 2022

From: Matthew Aston, Director of Operations

Subject: OPS 2022-021 being a report on the conceptual design for the new Mount

Forest Outdoor Pool and Aquatics Centre

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2022-021 being a report on the conceptual design for the new Mount Forest Outdoor Pool and Aquatics Centre;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council approve the conceptual design for the new Mount Forest Outdoor Pool and Aquatics Centre as shown in Schedule A.

PREVIOUS PERTINENT REPORTS/BY-LAWS/RESOLUTIONS

Report RPL 2021-012 being a report on the Mount Forest Outdoor Pool

Report OPS 2021-030 being a report on the award of the concept design of a pool and aquatics facility

Report RPL 2021-022 being a report on the public consultation for the concept design for the new Mount Forest Outdoor Pool and Aquatics Facility

Report RPL 2022-006 being a report on Mount Forest outdoor pool and aquatics centre open house

Report RPL 2022-007 being a report on the Mount Forest outdoor pool community survey

BACKGROUND

Township Council has recently been engaged in a conversation about the new Mount Forest Outdoor Pool and Aquatics Centre. At the July 11, 2022 meeting staff were directed to bring a report detailing a recommended conceptual design for the new facility.

During the winter and spring of 2022, staff have been working with Architects Tillman Ruth Robinson to develop an approved conceptual design. This resulted in three conceptual designs being presented at a public consultation meeting on March 23, 2022 – programming focussed design, lane swim focussed design and a hybrid design. As well, at the meeting a survey was distributed to the community to solicit additional feedback; the survey closed April

30, 2022. The Township received 121 surveys from the community which help staff and the fundraising committee better understand which design features are most important. Since some of these initial conversations have happened regarding the conceptual designs the importance of managing the cost of this project and determining how this project will be funded has become a very important consideration on how to move forward with this project. At present, the high-level estimated cost for this project is \$5.5 million, which is significantly higher than the \$3.5 million budget that was discussed when the master plan was developed in 2018.

The conceptual design that is presented as Schedule A of this report, if endorsed by Council, would allow staff and the Architect to pursue a more detailed schematic design for the project, which would allow for a more accurate cost estimate.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
The 2022 capital budget originally carried a budget of \$576,000 for this project for the development of detailed design drawings and tender packages.		
ATTACHMENTS		
Schedule A – Recommended Conceptual Design for the new Mount Forest Outdoor Pool and Aquatics Centre		
STRATEGIC PLAN 2019 – 2022		
Do the report's recommendations align with our Strategic Areas of Focus?		
\boxtimes] Yes	□ N/A
Which priority does this report support?		
	Modernization and Efficiency Municipal Infrastructure	☐ Partnerships ☐ Alignment and Integration
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