



STAFF REPORT

TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
FROM: JAS SANDHU, SUPERINTENDENT, PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
SUBJECT: PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES SUMMER 2025 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS
MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 4TH, 2025

PURPOSE

To provide a review of the parks and public spaces during the summer of 2025 and recommendations going forward.

BACKGROUND

Staff find the summer months, July through September 15, are very busy throughout the Town, especially the Uptown area (Saywell Park). The public washrooms are very busy and require cleaning on a more frequent basis. We do experience increased vandalism and abuse of the washrooms which requires extra attention. The garbage and recycling cans are well used and frequently overloaded, especially on the long weekends. The summer months will require extra staffing on the weekends to ensure washrooms are clean and garbage and litter is picked up.

IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Financial:**
Extra staffing costs to meet increased community demands.
- b. **Policy/Legislation:**
N/A
- c. **Strategic Priority:**
N/A.

- d. **Sustainability:**
N/A
- e. **Communication:**
N/A
- f. **Staffing Implication:**
Extra staff will need to be added on weekends.

Options:

Option 1 – Develop Summer Staffing Plan for Weekend Operations

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that staff be directed to bring forward a staffing plan to support increased weekend operations during the summer period (June through September), including associated costs and resource requirements, for Council’s consideration during the upcoming budget process.

Option 2 – Status Quo – do nothing

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that weekend staffing levels remain unchanged and that current operational service standards continue through the summer period.

Recommendation

Staff is recommending Option 1.

Signed:

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Concurrence:

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