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SHELBURNE
ONTARIO, CANADA

Meeting Date: Monday, February 06, 2023

To: Mayor Mills and Members of Council

From: Denyse Morrissey, Chief Administrative Officer

Report: CAO 2023 –06

Subject: Estimated Costs – Cricket at KTH Park

Recommendation

Be it Resolved that Council:

1. Receives report CAO 2023-06 Estimated Costs – Cricket at KTH Park for information; and that
2. Capital investments by the Town of Shelburne for Cricket be considered in 2024 capital budget and when a permanent park site is recommended through the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Background

On October 3, 2022, Council provided the following direction to staff via notice of motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to look at the cost of astro-turf to be installed in the pitch/bowling area for cricket teams playing at KTH Park and report back to Council. Also, that this report be considered in the upcoming budget discussions.

Analysis

Staff have been provided estimates the site work and artificial turf installation at KTH park is around \$52,000 plus taxes and some additional costs have to be confirmed.

The scope of work for Cricket site preparation, 1350 sf area:

- Excavation and disposal
- geotextile to separate the sub base from base
- all base material including Granular B, Granular A and Limestone
- All travel and deliveries
- Base to be a total of 20 inches

Artificial Turf Surface:

- Supply deliver and install cricket pitch on aggregate base
- 2 lbs per sf of silica sand infill
- Max Turf area 15x90
- Sport Turf TBD: 15x90 green
- SGX glue for complete glue down

Total: \$ 52,000 plus tax*, terms TBD.

The warranty terms of the turf are also impacted if cleats are used as the surface will deteriorate more quickly vs regular turf shoes.

*NOTES:

- staging area to be provided
- no safety fencing included
- 4" lines OPTIONAL not included
- optional foam under padding not included
- max width of 15' and length of 90' (can change)
- Access Area Remediation TBD upon visit
- WICKET AND WICKET BASE included

Large and "heavy duty rollers" - range is \$100,000 (used) to \$130,000 (new). An example of a heavy roller is shown in Appendix 1. The Town also rents one comparable to the heavy roller each year for about 4 days to roll all fields (excluding Thunder as irrigated) and parks. The rental cost in 2022 was \$4,000.

The Town currently has a roller that is shown in Appendix 2. However, this roller was not used for cricket during the 2022 season and it was explained to the Shelburne Cricket Club in May 2022 that this roller cannot achieve the outcome/impact to the grounds that they wanted. In 2022, the grass at KTH was cut twice per week and staff mowed the pitch crosshatch (mowing length wise, then mowing over again width wise).

KTH Park – Shared Sport Use

KTH Park is currently a shared sport use park. Sport field use includes baseball, cricket and soccer. Most recently 2 courts were installed which are jointly used for tennis and pickleball.

Unless other local sport users were not scheduled at this park in 2023 via the facility allocation policy or those sports agreed to not use KTH park whereby baseball for example would be discontinued, it would continue to have shared use in 2023.

The installation of a permanent artificial cricket pitch in what is currently the outfield of a baseball field would also create field height differences between natural grass and the artificial turf. This creates risk and liability issues for anyone running backwards in applicable sports for example.

The parks and recreation master plan will be completed in early to late spring 2023. It will recommend what park location would be most suitable for a permanent cricket field for 2024. Staff are also reviewing operating costs related to public and municipal cricket field maintenance and grass cutting standards, equipment as well as irrigation requirements and costs with a number of other municipalities.

It is not strategic to invest significant capital costs at KTH park unless that is the recommended permanent location and then baseball use, with consultation with all impacted sport users, is discontinued. For that reason this report has recommended that capital investments by the Town of Shelburne for Cricket be considered in 2024 capital budget and when a permanent park site is recommended through the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The local cricket clubs have provided a number of suggestions on what is needed to improve the playability of cricket at KTH Park. Staff will continue to meet with the representatives of the local clubs regarding the 2023 season regarding possible interim and affordable options that can support this growing sport and one that is currently played in a shared use park.

Financial

The costs for artificial turf for a cricket pitch and heavy duty rolling equipment are not included in the 2023 draft capital budget.

The 2024 capital budget lists \$230,000 for a cricket field. The 2020 DC Study showed a Permanent Cricket Pitch for 2024 in the amount of \$230,000 was included in the 5 year capital plan Council adopted in 2022.

The park location however for a permanent cricket field is not known as that would be determined and recommended via parks and recreation master plan.

The following were also purchased by the Town for Cricket in 2021:

Pitch mat	\$1,679.04 net of HST.
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The storage unit (shared now by two cricket clubs)	\$4,146.72 net of HST.
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Capital investments in other parks have included local sport organizations also contributing to those costs. The local cricket clubs will be asked to confirm if they would be willing to contribute to current or future capital improvement costs.

Policies & Implications

Not applicable

Consultation and Communications

Requests from the Shelburne Cricket Club for capital investments at KTH Park and equipment in 2023.

Council Strategic Priorities

Council's Strategic Priorities has three Goals - Sustainable, Engaged and Livable. There are a total of 12 targets with the three Goals.

This report aligns with the Sustainable Goals within the Targets:

Target T10	Improve and enhance parks and recreation services
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Supporting Documentation

Appendix 1 Example of large and “heavy duty roller” – new cost is \$130,000

Appendix 2 Roller Town currently owns and uses

Respectfully submitted:

Denyse Morrissey, CAO

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