



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: CS-BRD-063

From: Chetwynd Civic Properties Commission

Date: February 25, 2021

Subject: Splash Park Location – Chetwynd and District Rec Centre

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board approve construction of a water spray park on the north east corner of the Chetwynd and District Recreation Centre Grounds.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Chetwynd and District Recreation Centre and property is owned by the Peace River Regional District (PRRD), operated by the District of Chetwynd, with strategic guidance for the complex provided through the Chetwynd Civic Properties Commission.

A spray park was identified by residents in 2016 as a priority improvement to the recreation centre grounds through the development of the Chetwynd Recreation Centre Master Plan (2017). The project was approved by the Board as part of the 2020 budget process at a cost of \$350,000, with construction contingent upon receiving grant funding for the capital costs.

At the December 1, 2020 meeting, the Civic Properties Commission received a request from the District of Chetwynd for authorization to install a water park next to the Chetwynd and District Recreation Centre. In response, the Commission resolved the following:

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED

That the Civic Properties Commission endorse the proposed location of the Water Park as identified on Attachment "A" to this report, and request that the Peace River Regional District Board ratify the Civic Property Commission's resolution.

The District of Chetwynd provided the to-scale site plan and proposed location for the splash park at the December 1, 2020 Civic Properties Commission Meeting (Agenda is linked below). The report from Administration at the District of Chetwynd states that if the project is constructed in the proposed location that the water and sewer infrastructure would support a future library facility, proposed on the recreation centre grounds. The approximate \$40,000 cost for water and sewer infrastructure would be borne by the District of Chetwynd.

Pricing for the geotechnical survey and reports are currently being solicited, and more detailed schematics for the proposed spray park are forthcoming.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Partnerships
- ☒ Collaboration with Local and First Nations governments

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Funding for this project is contingent upon the receipt of grants towards the project. At the December 1, 2020 Chetwynd Civic Properties Commission meeting, it was reported that \$106,000 has been received in donations and sponsorship with an additional \$150,000 of support committed by the District of Chetwynd towards the project. The project is estimated to cost \$350,000.

The District of Chetwynd is applying for recreational infrastructure grants as they become available.

Operational expenses related to the project have been estimated at \$90,000 annually. Operational funds have not been budgeted for 2021, however, should the spray park be constructed in 2021 (contingent upon the remaining grant funds being secured) and is completed prior to the end of the summer, the Commission may request a budget amendment to account for increased operational costs.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The Civic Properties Commission will be provided a letter outlining the Board's decision.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

As part of the 2020 budget approval process, at the February 13, 2020 Board Meeting, the following recommendation was passed by the Board of the Peace River Regional District approving the project pending the receipt of grant funding:

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED

That the inclusion of the Spray Park and Indoor Playground capital projects at the Chetwynd and District Recreation Centre in the 2020 Peace River Regional District Financial Plan, at a total cost of up to \$670,000 contingent upon the receipt of grant funding, be approved.

External Links:

1. [Chetwynd Civic Properties Commission December 1, 2020 Agenda](#) – See Item # OB-3 (page 19)
2. [Chetwynd Civic Properties Commission December 1, 2020 Minutes](#) – See Item # OB-3 (page 2)