



Staff Report

Report To: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer

From: **Scott Currie, Manager of Communications and Strategic Initiatives**

Date: April 4 2022

Report: ITSI#01 - 2022

Subject: 2022 Thames Road Elimville Community Park MOU

Recommendations:

That the report from Scott Currie, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, titled "2022 Thames Road Elimville Community Park MOU" be received; and,

That Council approve the 2022 MOU with the Thames Road Elimville Community Park Committee as presented; and,

That the necessary by-law be forwarded to Council for the required three readings.

Purpose:

Approval.

Background and Analysis:

In 1924, 5 acres of land was gifted to the now Thames Road - Elimville United Church to be used for the community's children. Since that time, many families and children have used the park and its ball diamonds for recreational activities and gatherings.

With the help of volunteers on the Thames Road Elimville Community Park Committee, the park continues to be a popular spot for local families, community groups and visitors to enjoy. The service offer includes a natural playground augmented by equipment from the former Usborne Central School, a redesigned ball diamond, a meditation and wellness garden, an

open area to be used for community events, a dog run/park, and a timber-framed pavillion.

At the March 7, 2022 meeting Council directed staff (motion# 088-2022) to examine an increase in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) grant amount to The Committee from \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00 and to report back to Council with an amended MOU for consideration.

Operational Considerations:

From a staff perspective, the Committee has satisfied the conditions of the previous MOU agreement by providing a consolidated report of all revenues and expenditures on 2021 operations, which was received by Council at the March 7, 2022 meeting (agenda [item 11.9](#)).

The Committee has reviewed the revised 2022 MOU and have expressed their willingness to partner with the Municipality again this year. If Council renews the MOU for 2022, the Committee will forward their 2022 insurance policy to the Clerk in April when it is renewed.

South Huron's Strategic Plan:

7.2.1 Strategic Objective: Improved Recreation and Community Wellbeing

7.2.3 Strategic Objective: Increased Communications and Municipal Leadership

7.2.4 Strategic Objective: Transparent, Accountable, and Collaborative Governance

Financial Impact:

The funds to support community MOUs come from the Corporate Services Budget – External Transfers, which is determined as part of the annual budgetary process. The amount approved by Council for this MOU in 2022 is \$4,000. However, if Council wishes to increase the grant amount to \$5,000 in 2022 the additional \$1,000 can be accommodated in the 2022 operating budget.

Legal Impact:

None.

Staffing Impact:

None.

Communication Actions:

If Council chooses to renew this MOU, staff will send correspondence notifying the Committee.

Policies/Legislation:

None.

Consultation:

Judith Parker, Secretary, Thames Road Elimville Community Park Committee

Related Documents:

- 2022 MOU with Thames Road Elimville Community Park Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Currie, Manager of Communications and Strategic Initiatives