



Staff Report to Council

Report From: Amanda Johnston, Community Services Manager

Meeting Date: September 29 2025

Report: CSD- 16-2025
Water Hookup for Centralia Dog Park

Recommendation

That South Huron Council receives Staff Report CSD-16-2025 – Water Hookup for Centralia Dog Park, for information

Report Overview

Purpose of Report	For Information
Council Priority Alignment	Recreation and Community Amenities
Consultations	Jeremy Becker, Community and Emergency Services General Manager Alyssa Keller, Environmental Services Manager
Attachment(s) to Report	None

Report Highlights

- Council received and approved a recommendation from the Centralia Community Park Advisory Committee to prioritize water hookup for the Centralia Community Dog Park in future budget discussions;
- This report provides Council information on options to consider should they choose to proceed with water hookup.

Context and Background

At their February 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, Council received and approved the following recommendation of the Centralia Community Park Advisory Committee

That water hookup for the Centralia Community Dog Park be prioritized in future budget discussions.

Community Services Staff worked with the Water Department to review options for adding a water hookup to this location. There are three options to consider:

Option A:

Reuse the existing water service from the Community Centre. Currently there is an active water service to the property located at the East property line.

- Pro: the service already exists, and a yard hydrant can be added
- Cons: The current service is located very far from the dog park
- Cost Estimate: \$11,000
 - Includes: excavation, meter pit, meter assembly, yard hydrant and labour.

Option B:

Reuse the existing water service from the Community Centre and trench a water line from there to the dog park.

- Pros: It reuses the current service, avoiding a road crossing to install a new service.
- Cons: other structures and trees on the property make this a difficult approach to trench a line in.
- Cost Estimate: \$15,000
 - Includes: large excavation, meter pit, meter assembly, yard hydrant and labour.

Option C:

Install a new service from the watermain on Melbourne Street to the dog park.

- Pros: the service is located within the dog park and uses all new materials.
- Cons: a road crossing is involved as the watermain is located on the South side of the road.

- Price Estimate: \$18,000
 - Includes: excavation, hydrovac, directional drill, meter pit, meter assembly, yard hydrant and labour.

Discussion and Staff Recommendation(s)

This information has been provided to Council as requested for budget deliberations.

Impact Analysis

Community Services staff would be responsible for maintaining the water hookup year-round and ensuring it is properly winterized each season. There are other community impact considerations such as shutdowns, maintenance needs, or concerns about hygiene and disease transmission.

Approving this request could set a precedent, potentially leading to similar requests for water hookups at other municipal parks, both current and future. It should be noted that this water service would be metered and billed monthly to the Community Services Department, and there may be additional costs for maintenance and upkeep.

Linkages

- None

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Johnston, Community Services Manager

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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