

Report to Council

Report Title: Walkerton Lawn Bowling Fence Request
Prepared By: Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer
Department: Finance
Date: February 20, 2024
Report Number: FIN2024-07 **File Number:** C11FIN

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIN2024-07 – Walkerton Lawn Bowling Fence Request, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer and in doing authorizes the \$12,000 for inclusion in the 2024 budget to be funded from the tax rate.

Report:

Background:

The Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club is located at 207 Jane Street, Walkerton, next to the Armoury building, which was sold in 2022.

In 2023 The Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club were in discussions with staff regarding some challenges they were facing, including evening lighting, access to the grounds, and deteriorated fencing.

In October 2023 the Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club requested the following items be considered in the 2024 budget:

- 28'x11' concrete pad for the large shelter
- 3'x8' concrete pads for each of the 3 East sun shelters
- Fence upgrades around the property
- Security lights on property – This was completed in 2023
- Flammable cabinet in the shop for flammable items storage

In the summer of 2023 staff were able to install new lighting to provide enhance security to the grounds as well as an alternate location to access the lawn bowling greens by removing a portion of the fencing.

Analysis:

The fencing around the property is in poor condition. The fence has been struck by vehicles and is beginning to lean. In addition, a portion of the fencing needed to be removed to provide access to the grounds, a gate is necessary to ensure other vehicles do not access the area. There is one section of fencing that is still in good repair and will not be replaced.

Staff have received a quote and the total cost of the new fencing, including a gate would be \$12,000. It was determined that this project was missed in the first draft of the 2024 budget. We seek direction from Council on proceeding with this project in 2024 to be funded by the tax rate. The total impact on the overall budget would be 0.09% increase.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

This was not included in the 2024 budget and would result in an increase of \$12,000 to the overall budget resulting in an additional 0.09% increase to the tax rate.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer