

Report to Council

Report Title:	Elmwood EV Charger Relocation Request		
Prepared By:	Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services		
Department:	Recreation		
Date:	June 18, 2024		
Report Number:	REC2024-12	File Number:	C11, REC
Attachments:	N/A		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2024-12- Elmwood EV Charger Relocation Request, prepared by Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services and in doing so directs staff to proceed with the following option _____.

Report:

Background:

In June 2022 Council approved Tri-Party EV Charging Station Co-operating Agreement between Westario Power, Bruce Power and Brockton. This agreement provided funding to install three new EV charging stations located at Walkerton Community Centre, Cargill Community Centre and Elmwood Community Centre which have been operational since April 2023.

Brockton staff, West Grey staff and the Elmwood Community Board have received complaints from users that the EV Charger at the Elmwood Community Centre presents accessibility and safety concerns due to its location. When in operation the charger cables stretch across the sidewalk. To mitigate the obstruction for ease of pathway and accessibility concerns staff received costing to the amount up to \$5,000.00 to relocate the EV Charger to North end of EV Charger designated parking spots. Relocation would require occupying three parking spaces to accommodate installation of bollards.

On Tuesday May 14, 2024, the Elmwood Community Centre Board passed the following motion:

“That the Elmwood Community Centre Board request the Municipality of Brockton and Municipality of West Grey fund the relocation of the EV Charger due to accessibility and health and safety concerns, to a maximum of \$5,000 combined as an unexpected capital expenditure. “

This motion was brought forth to West-Grey Council during the June 4, 2024, meeting and was not supported by Council.

Analysis:

The EV Charger at Elmwood Community Centre is located adjacent to the sidewalk on building side. To access use of EV charger, the charging cables must stretch across the sidewalk to reach vehicle in designated parking spot. See attached Elmwood EV Charger picture for reference. When in operation, the only way to get around the charging cables is to step over, under or around the vehicle in parking lot posing difficulty of passage, tripping hazard and potential damage to charging cable.

A well-known Elmwood Community Centre major accessibility deficiency is the absence of a lift or ramp between the upper and lower levels. Outside sidewalk access is the only accessible way to move from the upper level to the lower level of facility. When in operation the EV Charger is not in compliance with AODA standards.

The location was chosen due to it's proximately to the nearest electrical panel with enough capacity to provide the required power. It is not clear from previous minutes the discussions that occurred related to the current location of the charger. The proposed relocation would see the EV Charger moved approximately ten feet forward to the top centre between three parking spots with each corner marked by four bollards. See attached Proposed EV Charger Relocation picture diagram.

Under the Tri-Party EV Charging Station Co-operating Agreement the Municipality is responsible for all charges and obligation it incurs in connection with Site Preparation Activities. See Section 3 (b) of attached agreement. Section 1(a) specifies the final site selection is at the discretion of the Municipality.

Staff are seeking Councils direction with the following options:

Option 1 – fund the total expense of \$5,000 and relocate the EV Charging Station.

Option 2 – defer the request to relocate the EV Charging station to the 2025 budget.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

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

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| • 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

With West Grey not approving the joint funding of this project, Brockton would be funding the total expense of relocation of the EV Charger would result in an unbudgeted expense of \$5,000.00. The 2024 Operating budget includes \$12,500 in capital work for the Elmwood Community Centre, which has been allocated for Parking Lot expansion and inside accessibility upgrades.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer