

## Report to Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	Walkerton Centennial Park Pavilion Rebuild		
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<b>Department:</b>	Recreation		
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<b>Report Number:</b>	REC2025-17	<b>File Number:</b>	C11REC, R05
<b>Attachments:</b>	Pavilion Designs Option 1 and 2		

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2025-17 - Walkerton Centennial Park Pavilion Rebuild, prepared by Colleen Gillis, Director of Community Services and in doing so directs staff to proceed with Option 2: Enhanced Pavilion with Storage and Future Phased in Kitchen for a cost of \$18,978.00 to be funded from the \_\_\_\_\_ as a path forward to rebuild Walkerton Centennial Park Pavilion.

### **Report:**

#### **Background:**

On May 27, 2025 Council received report REC2025-12, Walkerton Centennial Park Pavilion Relocation, and approved relocating the Walkerton Centennial Park Pavilion to a strategic location nearer to essential park amenities, including the main parking lot, washrooms, and the splash pad.

This relocation serves a dual purpose: Firstly, to enhance accessibility for visitors, providing a more integrated recreational experience; Secondly, it aligns with the broader objective of maximizing park functionality with comprehensive long-term planning considerations.

Furthermore, in response to Council's directive, Staff is tasked with developing reconstruction options including a base model design to be covered under existing insurance provisions and an enhanced functionality option aimed at augmenting the pavilion's utility. This plan will reflect forward-thinking in design, prioritizing the park's evolving needs and future community enhancements.

The Centennial Park Pavilion was regularly rented for birthday parties, family reunions, and religious gatherings. These events often included organized barbecues and potluck-style meals.

## **Analysis:**

Staff engaged directly with our insurance provider to confirm what aspects of the pavilion reconstruction would be covered under our current policy, successfully securing \$155,280.65 in coverage funds. A collaborative approach was taken with contractors to ensure that the proposed designs attached would meet our structural, functional and provide option for potential future park planning needs.

The Parks and Recreation significantly lacks a sufficient amount of storage for equipment and supplies. Further, a storage shed was lost during the building collapse. While this location will not solve all parks & recreation storage needs it will provide enhanced and dedicated storage space related to camp, pool and park supplies. Designing this pavilion space to include the option to enhance this space in the future for potential kitchen amenities positions the facility for service and special event enhancement and new revenue opportunities.

The following two options for your consideration include:

### **Option 1: Basic Pavilion Reconstruction:**

Updated roof structure with gable (truss style) roof design replacing unused solar panel roof. Meets the current needs of community with plenty of shade coverage and optimal space for special events and other rental opportunities. Cost-effective, funded through insurance coverage with no financial implications. There is a loss of onsite storage that will affect camps specifically and therefore, does not resolve ongoing storage needs and confines to current functionality without future adaptability for expanded services.

### **Option 2: Enhanced Pavilion with Storage and Future Phased in Kitchen:**

Design plans proactively address the significant lack of storage space in a growing program through dedicated space for daycamp supplies and park equipment. Includes a roughed-in kitchen setup, allowing for phased development and future service expansion. Additional features would require financial investment up to an additional \$18,978.00.

These structured options are presented for your informed decision-making ensuring that we continue to serve the community's evolving needs effectively and efficiently. The attached documents provide further design specifics.

We recommend proceeding with Option 2 to suitably address the current and future needs of the department and community related to this particular park and central location with a future mindset while focusing on need and safe access.

## **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 Yes

- Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance Yes

### Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

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

The base pavilion reconstruction is fully covered by insurance, with \$155,280.65 secured through our provider. The additional \$18,978.00 required for Option 2 (enhanced storage and future kitchen readiness) will require Council direction on the funding source.

Two options are available:

- **Recreation Equipment Reserve** – Supports the maintenance and replacement of recreation assets across all facilities, parks, trails, and the pool, including equipment. Current balance: **\$495,000**.
- **Future Recreation Facility Reserve Fund** – Established to support the future replacement or rehabilitation of the Walkerton Community Centre/Arena. Current balance: **\$1,525,000**, of which **\$800,000** is invested in a long-term account.

**Important Note:** Both of these reserve funds will also be required to help finance the upcoming Cargill Community Centre roof reconstruction project. Council's decision on which fund to allocate for the pavilion rebuild should therefore balance this future financial demand with current recreation needs.

### Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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### Respectfully Submitted by:



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