

Report to Council

Report Title:	Fencing Improvements Heritage Property Alteration Approval		
Prepared By:	Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk and Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)		
Department:	Clerk's		
Date:	September 9, 2025		
Report Number:	CLK2025-12	File Number:	C11CL
Attachments:	Report REC2025-04 – Walkerton Lawn Bowling 2025 Capital Request Fencing Portion of Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club Delegation – February 2025 By-Law 2019-160 – Designate Armoury Building as a Heritage Property By-Law		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2025-12 - Fencing Improvements Heritage Property Alteration Approval, prepared by Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk and Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and in doing so approves the alterations to the Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club fencing as part of the heritage property formerly known as the Armoury Building.

Report:

Background:

The Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club is located at 207 Jane Street, Walkerton, beside the former Armoury Building. In 2022 the Armoury Building was sold, and the gate used by the Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club to access the Lawn Bowling property was no longer available for use. Staff removed a portion of the fence to give access to the Club, which left a gap between the fencing.

In 2024 and 2025, the Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club expressed concern over the deteriorating fencing surrounding their property, which included sharp edges, holes, and loose sections, posing significant safety risks for both players and pedestrians using the adjacent sidewalk. The fence prevents vehicles, pets, and non-members from accessing the greens.

As part of the 2025 Budget discussions, in February, Council passed Resolution 25-04-02, authorizing the \$14,000 replacement of the Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club's fencing, along Jane Street and installing fencing between the Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club and the former Armoury Building.

Analysis:

Council passed By-Law 2019-160 on December 17, 2019, designating the Armoury Building as a Heritage Property under the Ontario Heritage Act. At the time the By-Law was passed, the legal description of the property, PT PARK LT 1 W/S VICTORIA STREET PL 7 AS IN R84982 & PT 1 3R2719; BROCKTON, bearing parcel identifier number 33203-0045 (LT), included the Armoury Building, the Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club greens, and a portion of the Walkerton Cenotaph property - all as one parcel.

These properties' legal descriptions have now been separated. However, since the Armoury Building Heritage Designation By-Law included the original legal description, it would mean that the fencing replacement is technically an alteration to that heritage property (former Armoury Building). The Ontario Heritage Act requires that alterations to heritage properties be approved by Council.

Staff recommend that Council authorize the alterations to the heritage property, which will provide clarity to the property owner of the former Armoury Building and ensure these much-needed fencing improvements can proceed, as authorized in the 2025 budget.

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 Yes

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

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

Council approved replacing the Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club's fencing in the amount of \$14,000 as part of the 2025 Budget.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk



Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer