

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** Optimist Park Accessible Playground Phase II

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**Department:** Parks and Recreation

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**Report Number:** REC2021-02                      **File Number:** C11REC, R05

**Attachments:**

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### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2021-02 – Optimist Park Accessible Playground Phase II, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services;

And in doing so approves in principle the proposed Phase II works to complete the Accessible Park and Playground envisioned by the Walkerton and District Optimist Club;

And further directs Staff to continue to collaboratively work with the Optimist Club in completing the project.

### Report:

#### Background:

Since 2017, the Walkerton and District Optimist Club, in collaboration with the Municipality of Brockton, worked together to develop an accessible park and playground equipment adjacent to the Walkerton Arena with the project estimated at \$331,000.00. Additional information on the Optimist Park is available on the [Municipality's Community Projects webpage](#).

In August 2018, Council approved a 10-year interest free loan to Optimist Club for \$76,800.00 to bridge finance the purchase of accessible playground equipment and other park upgrades as required.

In March 2019, Road realignment and site work were approved and completed through the 2019 Municipal Budget and a significant portion of Phase I works were completed in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department, with the playground un-officially opening in the spring of 2020. Due to delays resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, only leftover remedial work from 2019 was able to be completed in the late summer of 2020.

In moving forward, the Optimist Club looks to complete the following Phase I works in 2021 and further seeks approval in principle from Council to continue its efforts to fully realize its vision for the park via the following proposed Phase II works:

### Phase I works to be completed:

- Donor Wall and dedication stones
- Pavillion (similar to Memory Lane Pavillion)
- Armour stone placement, landscaping around sign and tree planting.

### Proposed Phase II works:

- Water drinking fountain/ bottle filling station
- Security Lighting along west wall of arena
- Fence/ retaining wall along slope between arena and current play structure
- Wheelchair swing/We-go-round <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bU4CQWpC8jc>
- Regular/Full body swing
- Rubberized surface for above.



### Analysis:

Upon Council approval in principle to proceed with Phase II works, the Optimist Club will continue its fundraising efforts to support the project. Parks and Recreation Department Staff through its playground expertise and experience will continue to support and facilitate sourcing and purchasing per the municipal procurement policy, and coordinate of health and safety of site work and installation of equipment by volunteers and contractors.

**Sustainability Checklist:**

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

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? Yes

**Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

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

To date, the Optimist Park has received funding support from the Municipality of Brockton, Community Improvement Committee, Spruce the Bruce, and Optimist Club totaling \$246,420.90.

A balance of \$50,196.03 remains in the municipal reserve account for the project from the fundraising campaign donations received to date by the Optimist Club. Further donation of materials, equipment, labour and funding in the amount of \$104,204.00 will be required to complete the proposed Phase II work. There are no further financial requests from the Optimist Club at this time as they proceed with their fundraising initiatives

**Estimated costs to complete Phase I work:**

Pavillion with concrete pad	\$30,000.00
Dedication Stones at Sign	\$4,500.00
Donor Wall at Sun shelter	\$4,800.00
Tree Planting	\$2,500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$41,800.00</b>

**Estimated costs to complete Phase II work:**

Water drinking fountain/ bottle filling station	\$7,500.00
Security Lighting along west wall of arena	\$1,500.00
Fence/ retaining wall along slope between arena and current play structure	\$50,000.00
Wheelchair swing/We-go-round	\$35,000.00
Regular/Full body swing	\$18,060.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$112,060.00</b>

**Reviewed By:**



**Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer**

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

**Reviewed By:**



**Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer**