

INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT TO: Council of the Township of South Glengarry

MEETING DATE: June 6, 2022

SUBJECT: Glen Walter Waterfront Park – Concept Plan

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At the 2022 Budget Meetings, Council approved \$25,000 for the development of the Glen Walter Waterfront Park that is located along County Road 2 in Glen Walter. The items discussed for the park location included seating, a bike repair station, bike parking, signage, and landscaping. These items will help define the site as a designated passive park area.

Through the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Thinc Design created the attached concept plan for this park location as part of the planning process. The concept plan helped staff during consultations with the United Counties of SDG, the Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA) and the Waterfront Regeneration Trust (WRT).

Administration consulted with the SDG Counties to ensure the park development did not interfere with the safety and maintenance of County Road 2. There will be signage within the park to indicate that parking is not permitted along County Road 2 and will encourage visitors to park at Glen Walter Regional Park.

The WRT is responsible for the Ontario Waterfront Trail signage which is a large mapping system that is found along the trail for cyclists to plan their route as well as find amenities along the way. Staff has been working with the WRT to develop the map/signage for this location and has ensured that parking options have been clearly defined in the signage.

Staff has also been in consultation with the RRCA to discuss the waters edge, planting, and potential educational signage. The RRCA has provided suggestions for the type of shrubs to use for the edge of the park (item 7 in concept plan) to ensure it is durable to road maintenance and wind. Another item discussed with the RRCA that is not shown in the concept plan that may be executed in the future is educational plaques regarding the minnow species found at this location.

There are two phases to the concept plan. Phase 1 includes the items discussed above that were budgeted for within the 2022 development of the park. This phase will create a

spot for cyclists to safely take a break while they are cycling along the Ontario Waterfront Trail.

Phase 2 includes additional benches, bike parking, as well as a pathway through the park. The pathway would help make the amenities more accessible to cyclist passing through. Please note that phase 2 items have not been included in the current budget and will not be executed in 2022. However, it is possible that these items will be included in future park development at this location. Including these items in the concept plan may also assist with future funding opportunities.

As noted above, consultations with applicable parties have been completed. Staff proceeded to order products earlier this year to ensure a timely delivery. It is anticipated that a large portion of phase 1 will be completed by the end of June.