

Memorandum

To: Parks and Recreation Committee

From: David Waligora, AICP, Senior Planner

Re: Stanley Park Playground Planning, Phase 2 Professional Services, Meeting Schedule, and Event Update

February was a busy month in the Planning Department and concluded with staff attendance at the M-Parks Annual Conference in Lansing, Michigan. The conference was well attended and provided a valuable opportunity to establish additional vendor contacts and obtain preliminary information regarding the potential cost of a playground at Stanley Park.

As staff continues evaluating this improvement, it would be beneficial for the Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss the general scale of playground that was envisioned during the Master Planning process, whether small, medium, or large. Additional direction from the Committee on this point will assist staff in developing cost estimates that better reflect the Committee's expectations and long-term planning goals.

In addition, as the Township begins the process for Phase 2 improvements at Stanley Park, staff is seeking Committee recommendations to begin obtaining and refining quotes for professional services necessary to satisfy applicable grant requirements.

Staff also wishes to advise the Committee that the April Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be canceled due to staff attendance at a planning conference addressing sign ordinances. The Committee will resume its regular meeting schedule in May.

Staff has also secured June 26, 2026, as the date for the Rock the Farm event and is actively assisting the Township Manager's Office with planning efforts.

Requested Committee Action

1. For discussion and direction regarding playground scale:

"I move that the Parks and Recreation Committee provide direction to staff that the proposed Stanley Park playground be planned at a [small, medium, or large] scale for purposes of developing preliminary cost estimates and further evaluation."

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2. For authorization related to Phase 2 professional services:

“I move that the Parks and Recreation Committee authorize Township staff to solicit, obtain, and refine preliminary quotes for professional services associated with Phase 2 improvements at Stanley Park in order to meet grant-related requirements.”

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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