

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: November 22, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Eric Stepura, Director of Recreation and Culture

SUBJECT: Kent Street Senior's Society Picnic Table Donation

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the installation of a concrete picnic table to be built on City property located north of the Kent Street Activity Centre (KSAC).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

City staff received a letter from the Chairperson of the Kent Street Senior's Society asking the City to support their initiative to purchase and install an outdoor picnic table to be located on City park property north of the auditorium at the Kent Street Activity Centre (KSAC) (Appendix A).

The Kent Street Seniors Society have committed to purchase and install an outdoor concrete picnic table on a concrete base estimated at \$7,000, which will be fully funded by the Society.

Staff support this partnership opportunity and are requesting Council approval of this project.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The purpose of this corporate report is to seek Council's endorsement to permit the installation of a concrete picnic table with a built in chess/checkerboard on a concrete base (See Appendix B sample table design) to be built on City property.

Appendix C is the letter from the Kent Street Senior's Society asking the City to support their proposal to purchase and install an outdoor picnic table for the use and enjoyment of its members and park users. The Society is asking that the table have a built in chess/checkerboard, and a design that accommodates their wheelchair members.

The preferred location is north of the KSAC auditorium. This site is close to the outdoor table tennis table (which they helped fund in 2020), adjacent parking, public washrooms, and would be used by table tennis players waiting their turn to play table tennis, chess and checker players, as well as regular park users.

The Kent Street Senior's Society have committed to fully fund the purchase and installation of the outdoor concrete picnic table (including concrete base) estimated at \$7,000.

The proposed site for a picnic table at KSAC grounds is subject to the approval of the City's Engineering and Municipal Operations staff and Council. As such, staff have met with members of the Kent Street Senior's Society and believe that this outdoor picnic table will be well used by the 1,200+ members of KSAC, and local area residents.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the KSAC activity groups have been unable to participate indoors due to Provincial Health Orders. With increased vaccinations, some of the earlier restrictions on group gatherings have been lifted, and many of these activities have restarted with limitations on group sizes. With the re-opening of KSAC's indoor recreation spaces, there is a need to share the indoor space amongst the Centre's 16 activity groups. An outdoor picnic table on the KSAC grounds will provide one more activity space for KSAC seniors to enjoy a game of chess, checkers or to picnic outdoors on a year round ongoing basis.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost estimate for the outdoor picnic table and concrete base is estimated at \$7,000. Subject to Council's approval, staff recommend proceeding with ordering the picnic table or awarding the concrete surfacing contract once the Kent Street Senior's Society has provided the City with full funding for the table.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Approving this partnership project with the Kent Street Seniors Society will demonstrate Council's support for senior's activities in the community, and foster positive working relationships for other facility and equipment enhancement projects with this community seniors activity and service provider group.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS

This project will be managed by the City's Engineering and Municipal Operations Department.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Although this project is not specifically aligned with Council's Strategic Priorities, it does fall under "Our Community" in making "the best possible community decisions in collaboration with stakeholders, providing an excellent quality of life

OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES

The following alternate option is available for Council's consideration:

1. Deny the request from the Kent Street Senior's Society to supply and install an outdoor picnic table on the KSAC grounds.

CONCLUSION

City staff received a letter from the Chairperson of the Kent Street Senior's Society asking the City to support their initiative to purchase and install an outdoor table tennis table on City park property north of the auditorium at KSAC.

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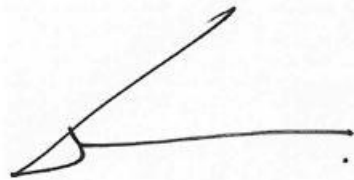
Respectfully submitted,



Eric Stepura
Director of Recreation and Culture

Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

I concur with the recommendation of this corporate report.



Guillermo Ferrero
Chief Administrative Officer

- Appendix A: Proposed Picnic Table site on KSAC Grounds
- Appendix B: Proposed Picnic Table Design
- Appendix C: Letter from Shirley Cox, Chair Kent Street Senior's Society