

**STAFF REPORT: RECREATION DEPARTMENT**



**REPORT TO:** Infrastructure & Recreation  
**MEETING DATE:** March 19, 2013  
**REPORT NO.:** DOR 13.14  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of signing of Agreement between the Women of 12 and the Town for the Development and Maintenance of a Labyrinth at Bayview Park  
**PREPARED BY:** Shawn Everitt  
Director of Recreation

**A. Recommendations**

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 13.14. "Approval of signing of an Agreement between the Women of 12 and the Town for the Development and Maintenance of a Labyrinth at Bayview Park",

AND THAT Council Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Recreation to sign an agreement satisfactory to the Town Solicitor with the "Women of 12" for the development and maintenance of a Labyrinth at Bayview Park.

**B. Background**

Report DOR 13.04 was presented at the February 12, 2013 Infrastructure and Recreation Committee meeting in that Council directed staff to develop an agreement with the Women of 12 to establish a Labyrinth at Bayview Park in the former campground area.

Following that February 12<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting, staff met with representatives of the "Women of 12" and have proposed the following key elements in the development of an Agreement.

- All funding of the development and construction of the Labyrinth will be the responsibility of the Women of 12;
- All regular maintenance and inspection of the Labyrinth will be the responsibility of the Women of 12, with maintenance and inspection reports submitted to the Recreation Department on a monthly basis;
- Town liability insurance in the amount of Five Million will continue to apply on the public parkland.
- The Town will provide training for volunteers to ensure safe practices are adhered to during maintenance and inspection;
- The Town has the right to terminate the agreement with 90 days' notice

**C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

- Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs.
- Supporting and development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community

#### **D. Environmental Impacts**

Sustainable, low impact use of public parkland should result in minimal environmental impact.

#### **E. Financial Impact**

The proposed agreement is based on all capital costs of development and implementation of the Labyrinth will be funded by donations and fundraising. Staff suggests that the use of the land as well as supply of an existing inventory of on-site rocks/boulders be identified as the Town contribution to the capital project.

#### **Operational Costs**

The development of a Labyrinth would identify the addition of the facility as a Town amenity while not impacting the Parks Division level of taxation- supported funding through the creation of strong community partnerships.

This property has been maintained as green space in the past, and it is not anticipated that any change in use as a Labyrinth would create any additional operational costs. This is dependent on a strong commitment of the stewardship program that would provide ongoing general volunteer operational tasks.

#### **F. In Consultation With**

Senior Management Team  
John Metras

#### **G. Attached**

None at this time

Respectfully submitted,

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