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STAFF REPORT: RECREATION DEPARTMENT



REPORT TO: Infrastructure and Recreation Committee
MEETING DATE: October 23, 2012
REPORT NO.: DOR 12 55
SUBJECT: Metcalfe Rock Parking Lot Winter Maintenance
PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 12 55 "Metcalfe Rock Parking Lot Winter Maintenance" for information purposes.

B. Background

Staff has received requests from residents as well as some local recreational activity suppliers to begin providing winter snow removal to the parking lot below Metcalfe Rock.

Staff has reviewed this request internally with Engineering & Public Works and have determined that winter snow removal of this parking lot is challenging due to the parking lot's narrow entrance as well as the perimeter berm that makes it difficult to perform maintenance with equipment other than a snow blower type tractor. Equally challenging is the location of the lot. Typically the equipment most appropriate for this parking lot in the town's inventory is mostly utilized in the urban areas and the travel to this location would be very inefficient.

Staff has contacted a local snow removal contractor and determined that there is interest in taking this lot on to their regular inventory of properties. Typically, the contractor's regular maintenance is Friday, Saturday and Sunday as the majority of the clients in that area of the route are weekend residents. The contractor has provided a preliminary price of \$25.00 per clearing on regular trips when the rest of the properties are being completed and \$50.00 on clearing when the lot is the only property being cleared. For risk management purposes, Town Staff would be required to inspect the lot on a daily basis.

Staff has a commitment of \$200 funding to go towards the winter maintenance costs from a local recreational activity supplier that utilizes the area.

If Council so wishes, staff can develop an enhancement report that details this service and further discussion can be had through the 2013 Budget process.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

- ▶ Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs

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- ▶ Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community

D. Environmental Impacts

Enhancing safe and efficient means of Active lifestyle opportunities year round

E. Financial Impact

Average of 70 snow events requiring snow removal

40 trips on regular scheduled rate of \$25.00	\$1,000
30 trips on parking lot specific rate of \$50.00	<u>\$1,500</u>

\$2,500 approx contractor costs

Staff & Vehicle costs for daily Parking Lot Inspection.

Local recreational supplier funding Commitment \$200.00

F. In Consultation With

Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads & Drainage

G. Attached

1. Map of Parking Lot

Respectfully submitted,

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