

**STAFF REPORT: Recreation**



**REPORT TO: Recreation Committee**  
**MEETING DATE: August 28, 2008**  
**REPORT NO.: DOR 08 43**  
**SUBJECT: Lions Park Redevelopment**  
**PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt,  
Director of Recreation**

#### **A. Recommendations**

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 08 43 "Lions Park Redevelopment" for information purposes.

#### **B. Background**

The redevelopment of Lions Park was presented and approved in the 2008 Capital Budget. Staff is pleased to report that the redevelopment of Lions Park is substantially completed with an exciting outcome. Staff has also met with the Lions Club on numerous occasions to discuss the redevelopment of the Park. The Lions Club fully endorsed plans of the redevelopment and have approved funding to the Project of \$6,000.00 over the next three years.

#### **Redevelopment included:**

- Installation of a 700 meter limestone based accessible and barrier free trail, future interpretive signage to detail the story of Niagara Gorge Crosser and former Clarksburg Resident Clifford Claverly;
- Installation of a 20' x 30' wooden Gazebo, utilizing the existing cement loading ramp from the former implement dealership. Staff intention was to utilize this with future interpretive signage explaining the industrial historical significance of Clarksburg;
- Development of a berm around loading ramp, to visually enhance area as well as ensuring no fall hazard is present;
- Installation of Bike Racks
- Installation of BBQ for large events and family type gatherings;
- Clearing of some River Bank areas to increase view and sound of River as per direction and approval of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority;
- Levelling of existing parking area as well as improvements to existing drainage issues.

**Remaining Projects**

- Installation of Park Identification Signage
- Engineering and Public Works will be completing Parking Enhancements

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

Goal 2. Preserving and enhancing natural and environmental features, and cultural heritage of the Community

Goal 4. Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community

**D. Budget Impact**

**Capital Project Funding**

Reserve 4-611-0000-32001 General Parks Collingwood Township	\$20,000.00
Taxation	\$5,000.00

Project Budget	\$25,000.00
Expenses to date	\$17,000.00
Remaining Project costs	<u>\$ 2,300.00</u>
Budget Remaining	<u>\$ 5,700.00</u>

Additional funding from Lions Club of \$6,000.00 over the next three years to Parkland redevelopment project is not included in above figures .

**E. Environmental Impacts**

To ensure sustainable and innovative building design and location for future community needs

**F. Attached**

- 1) Trail Picture
- 2) New Accessible entrance
- 3) Picture of New Gazebo

Respectfully submitted,

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Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation





