



## Recreation & Leisure Advisory Committee

May 23, 2019

5:30 pm

Pyramid Recreation Centre

317 James Street South, St. Marys

Pages

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
3. **AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

4. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the April 25, 2019 Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee minutes be approved and signed and sealed by the Chair and Director of Community Services.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

6. **REPORTS**

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a) Quarry Features

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT DCS 13-2019 Quarry Features be received; and

THAT Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee recommend to staff that the following water features be purchased from the 2019 budget;

A)

B)

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Goal Setting for 2019

**8. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 27, 2019

Next Meeting Time: 5:30pm

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT this Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee adjourn at      p.m.



# FORMAL REPORT

<b>To:</b>	Chair and Members of the Advisory Committee
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	23 May 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>DCS 13-2019 Quarry Features</b>

## PURPOSE

This report presents information to the Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee on the services offered at the Quarry.

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT DCS 13-2019 Quarry Features be received; and

THAT Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee recommend to staff that the following water features be purchased from the 2019 budget;

A)

B)

## BACKGROUND

The Quarry is open 10 weeks every year beginning in June and operating on weekends only until school is out. Once school is dismissed for summer vacation the Quarry opens full time beginning the end of June until Labour Day and operates 7 days a week from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Quarry attendance is weather dependant and the attendance from 2014 – 2018 is listed below:

- 2014 – 6274 bathers
- 2015 – 8367 bathers
- 2016 – 10,768 bathers
- 2017 – 10,192 bathers
- 2018 – 10,475 bathers

Programs at the quarry currently include public swimming in the afternoons, rentals of Stand Up Paddleboards (4 of these were donated by Meriden), water running, swimming lessons (Red Cross levels 5 through 10), Junior Lifeguard Club, Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross. There are various amenities on site that visitors can enjoy including; two rafts, one slide, one water trampoline, a cliff jump, one lane for lengths, a beach volleyball court, a concession booth, free lifejackets and free parking. Admission to the quarry is the same as the PRC Aquatics Centre. All drop-in programs are first come, first served.

All lifeguards that work at the Quarry hold their waterfront National Lifeguard certificate. Our summer lifeguard compliment fluctuates depending on the season. During the summer months our staff compliment includes 20-24 guards. Canteen staff that work at the PRC also work at the outside

canteen. This summer there will be a few changes to maintaining and cleaning the facility, facilities staff are responsible for cleaning and maintaining the facility Monday through Friday and the guard team is responsible on the weekends.

There are various events that are held at the Quarry each year including:

- Quarry kick off which includes swimming, games and a DJ. This event is held the first Saturday of July
- Drowning prevention week which features-- paramedic, fire fighter demonstrations, an appearance by buddy the lifeguard and a family swim.
- Pooch Plunge which was piloted at the Quarry in 2018 following the closure of Cadzow Pool.

#### **Suggestions/challenges for future:**

- Lockers (top request from visitors)
- Kayak rentals (unsure of how the getting in and out of the kayak off the platform would work)
- SUP rental classes—do not have a provider to continue to offer this program so staff need to look at this program going forward
- Kayak and canoe—rentals/ programs
- Expand events/programs to the quarry
- Another inflatable
- Scuba diving in the swimming quarry only

## **REPORT**

The Quarry is a popular amenity for local residents and visitors. Over the past few years there have been a number of changes with this location. Including the removal of the high dive, the installation of the cliff jump, the new deck and addition of the trampoline. While patrons enjoy our many features it is important we look at ways to always make this location fresh and new.

The trampoline is a popular feature and due to its popularity it hasn't lasted as long as staff anticipated. Because of this facility staff budgeted to replace this feature this summer. Moreover staff budgeted additional funding of \$15,000 to add a new feature to this location for 2019.

Attached to this report is a new water feature that staff have researched. This feature will cost roughly \$11,000 - \$12,000 leaving \$3,000 for other upgrades. With the additional funding we could look at purchasing additional Stand up paddle boards as this has been a popular activity.

Through this report staff is looking for Committees suggestions and recommendations for new features at the Quarry. Staff have made a variety of suggestions above however, these are merely suggestions and we look to the committee for additional thoughts.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Budgeted and approved by Council for 2019 include:

- Replacement trampoline \$8,000
- New feature(s) \$15,000 (to be determined by the committee)

Total budget: \$23,000

## **SUMMARY**

As noted in the above report staff are looking for committee recommendations on new features that could be added to the Quarry this summer. While staff have presented some options should the committee have other suggestions or recommendations please bring them forward for committee discussion.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

☒ Not applicable to this report.

## **OTHERS CONSULTED**

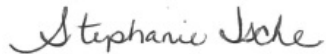
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## **ATTACHMENTS**

A sample inflatable.

## **REVIEWED BY**

### **Recommended by the Department**



Stephanie Ische  
Director of Community Services



Andrea Slade  
Aquatics Supervisor



Approximate cost \$11,000 to \$12,000