



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON REPORT TO COUNCIL

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COUNCIL MEETING: REG COW I/C
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: October 7, 2024
REPORT DATE: September 23, 2024
FILE: 5280-03

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VERNON GIRLS TRUMPET BAND MEMORIAL STONE

PURPOSE:

To evaluate the placement of a proposed memorial stone recognizing the Vernon Girls Trumpet Band within Civic Memorial Park.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council support the request from the Vernon Girls Trumpet Band (VGTB) for the placement of a memorial stone within Civic Memorial Park, as outlined in the report titled "Proposed Vernon Girls Trumpet Band Memorial Stone" dated September 23, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Environmental Planning Assistant;

AND FURTHER, that an agreement outlining the roles and responsibilities of the VGTB and the City of Vernon regarding potential damage, long-term maintenance, and the lifespan of the memorial stone be established and signed at the Chief Administrative Officer's discretion before installation of the stone;

AND FURTHER that the annual maintenance and future costs associated with the memorial stone be included in the Parks Department's annual operating budget.

ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:

THAT Council reject the placement of a memorial stone for the Vernon Girls Trumpet Band within Civic Memorial Park as outlined in the report titled "Proposed Vernon Girls Trumpet Band Memorial Stone" dated September 23, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Environmental Planning Assistant;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct the Vernon Girls Trumpet Band to pursue the Commemorative Feature Dedication program as an alternate means of commemorating their organization.

Note: The Commemorative Feature Dedication Program will not allow for the placement of a memorial stone and will instead limit memorial options to a tree or a bench with a personalized plaque.

ANALYSIS:

A. Committee Recommendations:

N/A

B. Rationale:

Background

The Vernon Girls Trumpet Band (VGTB) presented to Council on July 15, 2024. During their presentation, the band requested permission to install a memorial stone in Civic Memorial Park. This location was chosen by the VGTB because of its historical significance as a venue for band performances.

The proposed stone, to be donated by a local sponsor, is approximately two and a half feet high and three feet wide. The memorial stone will include VGTB logo, two enameled steel photos of the band, and a black aluminum text plate with a brief history of the organization’s impact on the community. A visualization can be found in the addendum to this report (Attachment 1).

Discussion

Staff met with members of the VGTB at Civic Memorial Park on July 22, 2024 to discuss the proposed commemorative stone. During this site visit, band members identified a preferred location at the intersection of pathways behind the knoll within the park (see Figure 1).

Placing the stone near these intersecting pathways will ensure that the memorial remains visible to park users while minimizing maintenance challenges and preserving the park's functionality for various activities. This location also reduces the impact on existing infrastructure, including landscaping and irrigation systems, while ensuring that the commemorative message is prominent.

The stone will be placed on its side to enhance stability and ensure the safety of park visitors. Additionally, an anti-graffiti coating will be applied, allowing for a secure installation that honors the VGTB's contributions to the community.

Despite the above points, it is important to highlight that this proposal does not align with established programs or policies, such as the Commemorative Feature Dedication Program which allows for the installation of memorial options such as trees or benches with commemorative plaques in public spaces. As a result, approving this installation may lead to other community organizations seeking similar exceptions outside the scope of the City’s current memorial feature programs.



Figure 1 - Proposed Stone Location.

C. Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Memorial Stone Visualization

D. Council's Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation, Parks & Natural Areas | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vibrancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |

E. Relevant Policy/Bylaws/Resolutions:

N/A

BUDGET/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The purchase, engraving, and installation of the memorial stone will be fully funded by the VGTB and any sponsors they secure. This has been clearly communicated to the VGTB, ensuring they are aware of their commitment to cover all associated development and installation costs. Ongoing maintenance costs, including the upkeep of the area around the stone, will be the responsibility of the City. These costs are anticipated to be incorporated within annual maintenance budgets should the proposal be supported by Council. An agreement defining roles and responsibilities between the VGTB and the City will be signed prior to installation of the stone within Civic Memorial Park.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- None
- Budget Previously Approved
- New Budget Request
(Finance Review Required)

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