



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Will Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer **FILE:** 8000-12
PC: Doug Ross, Director, Recreation Services **DATE:** June 3, 2022
FROM: Shayne Wright, Manager, Community Recreation
SUBJECT: POP-UP SPRAY PARKS - SUMMER 2022

With the closure of the Lakeview Pool for the revitalization project, free outdoor options to cool off this summer will be limited to the Lavington Pool and the beach. The purpose of this memorandum is to make Council aware of an option to provide pop-up spray parks for the community as a fun way to cool off this summer.

Fire & Rescue Services hosted a small number of pop-up spray events in 2021. Extreme wild fire conditions curtailed the use of fire apparatus. Administration has investigated other options to provide fun, interactive cool off zones, that can be made available in local parks and neighbourhoods for the Greater Vernon community to enjoy.

Through the procurement of portable water spray features, like Pictus the Cactus, O'Gus the Firefighter and Maggie the Daisy (Attachment 1) that can be connected to a regular garden hose, the option of setting up temporary pop-up 'splash pads' on the grass in community parks becomes a viable option that is not dependent on the availability of fire apparatus.

In order to setup the pop-up spray parks and monitor the use of the features, Administration would plan to utilize recreation summer camp staff and or outdoor pool staff, providing additional work hours for these summer employees.

The logistics of parks to operate the pop-up spray parks would be coordinated with the City of Vernon Manager, Parks and Public Spaces and the District of Coldstream Parks Manager to determine the best locations, ensure water source connections are readily available and that there would be no resulting damage to turf.

The recommended source of funds for the proposed pop-up spray parks, including the purchase of the spray features, park hose bib installation for service connections and staffing costs, would be the current \$45,271 operating budget for the Lakeview Pool, which will not be required for the operation of the pool this year due to the revitalization project.

It should be noted, that the implementation of the pop-up spray park plan is subject to the delivery date of the spray features. Administration has contacted suppliers who have advised spray features are available to deliver.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council endorse the plan to provide pop-up spray parks at various locations around the Greater Vernon area as per the memorandum titled "Pop-Up Spray Parks - Summer 2022", dated June 3, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Manager, Community Recreation;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to discuss the pop-up spray parks opportunity with the District of Coldstream and to determine the best locations for the pop-up spray parks;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize Administration to utilize the 2022 Lakeview Pool operating budget to fund the purchase of all necessary equipment, including three (3) portable aquatic spray features; and to provide the staffing required to set up and monitor the operation of the pop-up spray parks.

Respectfully submitted:

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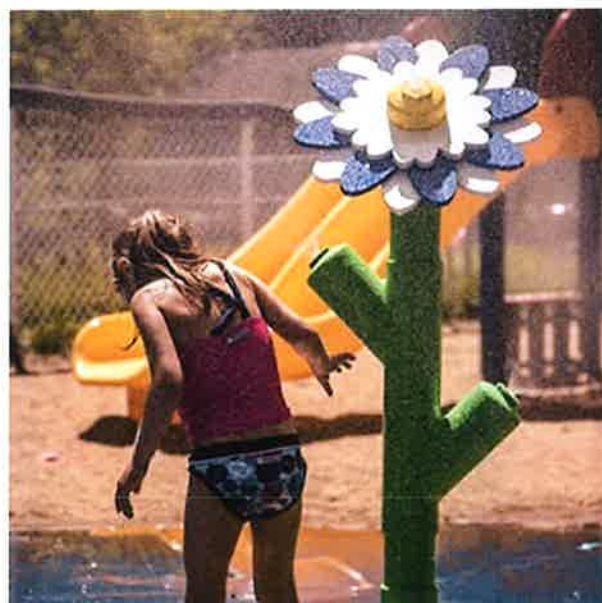
Shayne Wright
Manager, Community Recreation

Attachment 1 – Photos of Proposed Spray Park Features

Photos of Proposed Spray Park Features



PICTUS THE CACTUS



MAGGIE THE DAISY



O'GUS THE FIREFIGHTER

Video Link

<https://youtu.be/085tXk18J-Q>