



# The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

## Information Report

Report From: Carly Steinhoff, Park, Facilities and Recreation Manager

Meeting Date: June 12, 2023

Subject: SRREC.23.08 Splash Pad Update

Attachments: Appendix A – Chesley Splash Pad Financial Review  
Appendix B – Paisley Splash Pad Financial Review  
Appendix C – Tara Splash Pad Financial Review  
Appendix D – Chesley Park Enhancement Photos  
Appendix E – Paisley Splash Pad Layout  
Appendix F – Tara Splash Pad Layout

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### **Report Summary**

To provide an update regarding the status of each splash pad in the Municipality.

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### **Background**

The Municipality received funding in 2022 from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario to fund multiple projects, including three (3) splash pads. The Kinsmen Club of Chesley were in the planning phase of upgrading the existing pad and had begun fundraising efforts. Community members in both Paisley and Tara expressed interest in the facilities in their respective communities and volunteer committees were formed to fundraise the costs of the pads and associated features.

### **Chesley**

Splash Pad construction began in the spring of 2022 and had its grand opening in July 2022. The project included removal of existing pad and attributes, excavating, new concrete pad with new water features. The project also included the addition of two (2) benches and two (2) accessible tables surrounding the pad and an archway entrance with accessible path for all abilities to utilize. The Chesley Splash pad has been given the name of “Chesley Kinsmen Splash Pad”.

## **Paisley & Tara**

Construction for both splash pad's, Paisley and Tara, began in the fall of 2022 and continues through today.

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### **Analysis**

#### Paisley

All features have been installed for the splash pad. The water line and hydro are ready to be hooked into the system. The Splash Pad Committee has ordered a portable washroom that will be located on the west side of the splash pad and will be accessible to the sanitation company to pump out. The unit has one (1) toilet, sink with running water and room for a change table. The Committee has also secured five (5) benches and two (2) accessible shade tables to surround the pad. A concrete walkway has been poured from Inkerman Street to the splash pad to allow access for all abilities. The walkway will have a 4' x 6' archway entry, similar to Chesley's entrance. Both the archway and portable washroom are exempt from Saugeen Valley Conservation Area regulations however, the Authority has provided parameter about each structure that will be adhered to. Staff are continuing conversations with the Authority regarding both assets. The entrance will include signage noting the "Paisley Splash Pad" and associated donor signage. The Splash Pad will be known as the "Paisley Rotary Splash Pad" as the Paisley Rotary group donated \$50,000.00 toward the project and the feature is situated in Rotary Park. Sod has also been ordered to place around the pad where construction took place. Finally, a donor sign concept continues to be developed with a local sign company. This area will be levelled out and installed during the second week of June. The Splash Pad Committee has a grand opening event planned on June 23, 2023.

#### Tara

All features have been installed for the splash pad. The Splash Pad Committee and staff continue to seek clarification regarding the Hamilton Street Watermain Project, as the water connection to the splash pad is contingent on the watermain project. Staff are working with an electrician to ensure it is complete. The Committee has ordered six (6) benches and two (2) accessible picnic tables to surround the pad. The Committee and staff will be working with a local contractor to install a brick pathway from the north end driveway to the splash pad. Many of these bricks will be engraved with donor insignia. The Committee is planning to complete landscaping around the splash pad with low maintenance shrubs and stones. There will also be shrubs installed along the north side of the splash pad to assist with privacy between the splash pad and the neighbouring homes. The Committee would also like to construct a shade shelter with the assistance of the Tara Rotary Club.

The shade structure will be located on the southwest corner of the splash pad and will be installed on a concrete slab that is 17' x 23'. This structure will require a building permit, which staff and the Committee will obtain. The Committee is optimistic for a July 1, 2023 grand opening however, more information regarding the Hamilton Street project is needed prior to making this an official opening day.

## Community Support

The Kinsmen Club of Chesley, Paisley Splash Pad Committee and Tara Splash Pad Committee have all worked tirelessly on their respective projects to make these community assets available and should be commended for their commitment, hard work and dedication to each project.

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## **Link to Strategic/Master Plan**

6.3 Facilitating Community Growth

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## **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding**

Detailed financial reports, as of May 30, 2023, are attached to this report.

### **Chesley Splash Pad**

The Municipality has received \$261,156.23 in grants and donations for this project and expenses incurred to date are \$200,156.23. The surplus revenue from the Kinsmen Club of Chesley will be utilized for the upgrades to the Chesley playground, located beside the splash pad.

### **Paisley Splash Pad**

The Municipality has received \$257,918.06 in grants and donations for this project and expenses incurred to date are \$198,704.15. Outstanding expenses for the splash pad project include remaining cost of the washroom, water and electrical costs, ground levelling, sod and associated landscaping, entrance structure and signage. It is unknown if there will be any surplus funds at project completion, but staff will continue to work with the Committee should this arise to determine if funds can be applied to future operational costs or be redirected to another Council approved project.

### **Tara Splash Pad**

The Municipality has received \$244,025.53 in grants and donations for this project and expenses incurred to date are \$177,775.21.

Outstanding expenses for the splash pad project include remaining cost of the water and electrical costs, ground levelling and associated landscaping, shade structure and signage. It is unknown if there will be any surplus funds at project completion, but staff will continue to work with the Committee should this arise to determine if funds can be applied to future operational costs or be redirected to another Council approved project.

### **Ongoing Operational Costs**

The 2023 approved operating budget includes \$1,000 for each of the splashpads.

Recreation staff have been working with staff in the Works and Water Department and have agreed to utilize the Swimming Pool flat rate fee within the 2023 Fees and Charges By-Law, which is \$1,565.38 per pad. The splash pad in Paisley will have a water meter installed, so staff will be able to monitor usage to determine if this rate is comparable to actual usage.

Hydro at each site will be added to existing services.

The purchase of the portable washroom at the Paisley site will have monthly costs for the unit to be pumped. This cost is estimated at approximately \$103.00 per month of operation. Chesley Splash Pad has access to a portable washroom at the south end of the park, beside the Dave Spencer Pavilion. This unit is a monthly rental from May to September. The Tara Splash Pad will utilize the washroom at the Kinette Pavilion. Staff will be monitoring operating costs with each pad to determine more accurate figures to be included within the 2024 budget once this season of operation has been completed.

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