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**TO:** GENERAL COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** WATERFRONT FITNESS EQUIPMENT UPDATE - FUNDING

**WARD:** 2 AND 8

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That the City contribute to the additional costs associated with the installation of the waterfront fitness equipment in the amount of \$4,000 to be funded from Account #01-16-2311-0000-3560.

**PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

2. The purpose of this staff report is to update General Committee on the funding status of the Waterfront Fitness Equipment project that was recently installed along the waterfront this fall.
3. In July 2015, staff updated Council on the selection of waterfront fitness equipment by the business members of the Waterfront Fitness Working Group (WFWG). At that time, construction implementation was expected to take place over a 5-day period in summer and early fall 2015 based on estimates established through normal construction installations and material deliveries. Throughout the course of the summer; material and signage shipping delays resulted in the construction of the equipment starting in mid-October.
4. As the waterfront parks were originally built with fill material, the specific sub-grade composition was unknown; however, it was initially determined by staff to not be significant enough to impact the installation schedule or budget as each equipment footing was being installed in concrete sonotubes rather than larger concrete pads.

**ANALYSIS**

5. During construction, more debris and construction materials were encountered than originally anticipated. These impacts ranged from the removal of concrete and brick debris to the re-design of several footings due to underground concrete slabs unearthed in the area south of the Spirit Catcher sculpture.
6. Due to these construction complications, additional time and effort were made by all parties involved in the construction. City staff, Open Space Solutions Inc. (the fitness equipment supplier), PARCS Ltd. (the equipment installer) and Craig Busch (the main business donor lead on the project) held multiple site inspections to review equipment placements, concrete footing layouts and modifications in order to keep the project moving forward.

7. The end result was additional costs in both labour and materials to install the equipment at the six (6) locations around the waterfront. These additional expenses resulted in a cost increase of approximately \$12,000.
8. While the original cost of \$79,500 for the supply and installation of the equipment was completely donated to the City of Barrie by local businesses, these additional construction costs were above and beyond current donor commitments. To help offset these additional expenses, members of the WFWG have proposed a three way split between the donor businesses, Open Space Solutions Inc., and the City of Barrie. This results in a cost consideration of \$4,000 for the City of Barrie.
9. As previously noted, this project, to date, has not cost the City any capital dollars as our contribution has been staff time in the review and inspection of the equipment.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

10. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

11. There are two Alternatives available for consideration by General Committee:

##### **Alternative #1**

General Committee could not approve the proposed recommendation as the original commitment on the project by the local businesses was for the purchase and installation without municipal funding.

This Alternative is not recommended as the fitness equipment was fully paid for by donations from local businesses and a small investment of \$4,000 by the City would symbolically demonstrate its commitment in improving the waterfront and recreation activities for all citizens of Barrie.

##### **Alternative #2**

General Committee could alter the proposed recommendation to a less or greater amount.

This Alternative is not recommended as the three way split of the additional funds has been proposed by the WFWG.

#### **FINANCIAL**

12. The City of Barrie's 2015 operating account for Contracted Services – General (01-16-2311-0000-3560) has unspent funding that is available for allocation towards the \$4,000 payment request from the local businesses.

#### **LINKAGE TO 2014 – 2018 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN**

13. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan:
  - Inclusive Community
  - Provide great public spaces

14. The implementation of the fitness equipment will help people better enjoy the waterfront, their own personal fitness experience around Kempenfelt Bay and will allow for public interaction and participation amongst users at each of the six (6) stations.
15. The equipment was designed with specific concern for accessibility of the equipment by both mobility-challenged and senior-aged users.