

To: Chief Administrative Officer **Date:** June 6, 2022
From: Jason Horton, Manager of Parks & Facilities
Subject: Fraser River Heritage Park – Gazebo Repair

Recommendation(s)

1. That the repair of the Fraser River Heritage Park Gazebo be approved and funded through the Insurance Reserve Fund in the amount of \$50,000; and
2. That the City's Financial Plan be amended accordingly.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the additional funding that may be needed in order to repair the Gazebo in Fraser River Heritage Park.

Background

On January 30, 2022 the gazebo in Fraser River Heritage Park was damaged due to a fire that was set under the overhang. The fire burnt through the basement wall of the Gazebo causing extensive damage.

Discussion and Analysis

Initially the electrical panel located in the basement of the Gazebo was replaced to restore lighting and hot water to the bathroom building. An engineering report for the repair was completed and quotes were then obtained by staff for the repairs. The quote for the repairs is above the deductible the City has with its insurance broker; however, it may not be in the City's best interest to submit a claim if our future premiums will be negatively impacted by more than the difference between the expenditure less the deductible. Renewal rates are impacted by factors such as the total settlement, likelihood of similar future losses, and the circumstances of each loss submitted. Staff will work with our insurance broker to see whether it is better to submit the claim or simply incur the cost of the damage completely.

Council Goals/Objectives

The repair to the Gazebo serves to protect a significant piece of public infrastructure and supports Council's goal: *To ensure a livable complete community.*

Financial Implications

This expenditure was not included within the City's Financial Plan and staff recommend the \$50,000 be charged against the City's insurance claims budget with additional funding from the Insurance Reserve Fund of \$50,000 if required. If this expenditure happens to be absorbed within the original budget, after the year end actuals are known, then staff will not need to draw from the Insurance Reserve Fund.



I have reviewed the financial implications of this report.

Scott Ross, Manager of Accounting Services

Communication

No specific communication is required with this work.

Summary and Conclusion

This report is to seek Council approval for the additional funding that may be needed in order to repair the Gazebo in Fraser River Heritage Park.

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Approved for Inclusion: Mike Younie, Chief Administrative Officer