



STAFF REPORT

Title: 2025 Operating Budget Amendment - Kinosoo Beach Playground Fencing

Meeting Date: March 11, 2025

Executive Summary:

At the February 18, 2025, Corporate Priorities Committee (CPC) meeting of Council, Administration provided a presentation on traffic calming measures, outlining various options and their effectiveness in addressing speeding concerns throughout the community. During the meeting, Council passed recommendation to see traffic calming measures installed along 1st Avenue near the 23 Street Intersection.

Further, Council advised that the placement of the Kinosoo Beach Playground Structure is a safety concern, in the opinion of Council. With that, a second motion was passed to install fencing around part of the playground.

The City of Cold Lake has received various estimates for fencing throughout the community. The cost of fencing is approx. \$50 per foot for simple chain link. More decorative fencing options increase to approx. \$180 per foot.

The estimated cost to fence in the playground is \$23,000. This number can be reduced to \$16,500 if you three (3) sides were to be fenced.

Background:

The following map depicts the proposed fencing for the Kinosoo Beach Playground Structure. If desired, a four side can be added with the necessary gates installed for installed to allow access.





Administration has received query's as to the extension of a hard surfaced sidewalk to allow peoples with disabilities to access the playground. Understanding that no access will be installed near the street side of the fencing to restrict children from being able to leave the park from the streetside of the playground.

If Council wants to include a concrete sidewalk, the order of magnitude cost to build this feature would be \$40,000.

Please note that some concerns have been raised in relation to aesthetics of erecting a fence at this location for properties and pedestrians/vehicles passing through. The fence height is set a 5' however this number can be reduced to 4' or go as height as 8'. There are some suggestions that a 4' fence may be easy to climb for smaller children.

Alternatives:

Council may consider the following options:

1. As advised during the CPC meeting, administration is of the opinion that the playground is not a safety concern (this doesn't mean that the accident would never happen). Council can choose not to fence in the playground structure.
2. That Council accepts the Corporate Priorities Committee recommendation and pass a motion to allocate \$85,000 from Council Contingency to install fencing around the Kinosoo Beach Playground Structure.
3. That Council accepts the Corporate Priorities Committee recommendation and pass a motion to allocate \$23,000 from Council Contingency to install fencing around the Kinosoo Beach Playground Structure.
4. That Council accepts the Corporate Priorities Committee recommendation and pass a motion to allocate \$16,500 from Council Contingency to install fencing around parts of the Kinosoo Beach Playground Structure.
5. That Council accepts the Corporate Priorities Committee recommendation and pass a motion to allocate \$63,000 from Council Contingency to install fencing and sidewalks for the Kinosoo Beach Playground Structure.

Recommended Action:

That Council accepts the Corporate Priorities Committee recommendation and pass a motion to allocate \$23,000 from Council Contingency to install fencing around the Kinosoo Beach Playground Structure.



Budget Implications (Yes or No):

Yes

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