

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Security Services – Bannerman and Bowring Parks

Date Prepared: February 7, 2023

Report To: Regular Meeting of Council

Councillor and Role: Councillor Sandy Hickman, Public Works

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required:

A decision is required on proceeding with the provision of on-site evening security at Bannerman and Bowring Parks.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

In recent years, both Bannerman and Bowring Park washrooms and outside amenities have been subjected to frequent incidences of vandalism. Washrooms have incurred damage to: sinks, taps, change tables, doors, towel dispensers etc. Fires have been set and flooding has occurred.

Exterior amenities have been damaged through fire, graffiti, and vandalism. Picnic tables, garbage receptacles, trees, and landscaped beds have also been affected.

Repair and replacement have become significant annual expenditures and resource commitments. To lessen damage, the washrooms at both parks have frequently been closed when staff complete their workday. Once the period of vandalism subsides, the washrooms revert to seasonal operating hours.

Due to excessive vandalism and arson, the washrooms at Bannerman Park are currently closed at the completion of the workday. Engaging a security provider would facilitate washroom availability until 9 pm – 10 pm daily (dependent on the season).

We have received no complaints regarding the closure of the washrooms at the end of the workday.

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Key Considerations/Implications:

Budget/Financial Implications:

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| 1. Bannerman Park Security - Annual Cost | \$33,896 |
| Bowring Park Security - Annual Cost | \$27,976 |
| Total Additional Annual Security Cost | \$61,872 |

2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: N/A

3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:

- An Effective City
- A Connected City

4. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A

5. Privacy Implications: N/A

6. Engagement and Communications Considerations: NA

7. Human Resource Implications: NA

8. Procurement Implications: Engage the existing security service provider to administer coverage during the gap between employees completing their workday and the site being serviced by the mobile security provider.

9. Information Technology Implications: N/A

10. Other Implications: N/A

Recommendation:

As this is an unbudgeted expense, Council direction is required on whether or not to provide security at Bannerman and Bowring Parks at the costs noted above.

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