

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, April 20, 2012				Report Date	Monday, April 16, 2012			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Old Mackey Park and Home Depot Report #20/04/12/1201									

Subject: Authorization from Council to have work done and to apply for funding as well as a commitment of volunteer hours.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council pass the following resolution authorizing staff to begin an improvement project and landscaping to increase safety at Old Mackey Park.

WHEREAS risk management information sessions have brought the issue of access to the water at Old Mackey Park to staff attention;

AND WHEREAS the steep shoreline at the park is dangerous;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to plan a park improvement project and landscaping to ensure safe access to all users of the beach at Old Mackey Park;

AND FURTHER that Council authorizes staff to apply for grant funding under the Home Depot Community Grants Project.

Background/Executive Summary: The slope accessing Old Mackey Park beach is too high posing a risk to young and old alike. The bank is eroding and the step is over 3 feet high. Due to risk assessment and liability it is felt that this issue should be corrected to prevent injury.

Different methods of sloping the bank and/or adding fortified steps will be considered.

There is a program through Home Depot Canada which will provide up to \$5,000 for community improvement projects of which this would qualify. Depending on the cost and scope of the project funding could be applied for through Home Depot. This application would require a commitment of volunteer hours as well as Council financial support.

It is felt that something could be created which would provide safe access and also be incorporated into landscaping and plantings to address the geese problem.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: Depending on the scope and detail of the project the costs would vary. At this point we are looking for Council approval to research the project. Any ideas would be welcomed.

Policy Impact: As per municipal policy.

Others Consulted/Resources/References:

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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