

	Report Title	Annandale Diamond Drainage
	Report No.	RCP 19-48
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	Attachments	

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives Report RCP 19-48 – Annandale Diamond Drainage;

AND THAT Council approves a reallocation of up to \$12,000 from the Annandale Lights Enhancement Project to install and repair field drainage at Annandale Diamonds this fall.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Annandale Diamonds experience significant annual spring water retention that affects the use of the diamonds until they dry out. This report requests authorization to use a portion of the budget approved for replacing the lights to address the drainage issue this fall so the 2020 season start up can benefit from an improved facility.

BACKGROUND

There is an opportunity to get some field drainage installed this fall at Annandale Diamonds to improve the drainage for diamonds 4 & 5. These two fields are significantly impacted by poor drainage every the spring. This past year some portions did not dry out until late June. This affects league scheduling.

As the lighting replacement project has been put on hold for the remainder of the year, there is an opportunity to use a portion of that budget to get drainage installed this coming November so that the situation can be improved for 2020.

A contractor has provided an estimate of approximately \$10,000 to install drainage for diamonds 4 & 5. It is hoped that repairs to failed drainage on diamond 3 can also be incorporated into the work while the equipment is on site, so the request is to reallocate \$12,000 from the lighting project budget.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Brief consultation with a representative of Mens Slo Pitch indicates that the damaged drainage on diamond 3 is an important component of this work.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

Council has directed that the lighting project be forwarded to the 2020 budget process. There is just under \$100,000 remaining in the 2019 allocation. Staff recommends that a portion of this amount be redirected to fund the drainage in 2019.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) IMPACT

1. Excellence in Local Government
 - ☐ Demonstrate strong leadership in Town initiatives
 - ☐ Demonstrate accountability
2. Economic Sustainability
 - ☐ Support new and existing businesses and provide a variety of employment opportunities
3. Demographic Balance
 - ☒ Make Tillsonburg an attractive place to live for youth and young professionals
 - ☒ Provide opportunities for families to thrive
 - ☐ Support the aging population and an active senior citizenship
4. Culture and Community
 - ☐ Promote Tillsonburg as a unique and welcoming community
 - ☒ Provide a variety of leisure and cultural opportunities to suit all interests
 - ☐ Improve mobility and promote environmentally sustainable living

Report Approval Details

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