A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.20.043, entitled “Little River Park Shoreline Restoration”;

AND THAT Council create a $15,000 budget for the restoration of the shoreline at Little River Park to be funded from the Community Services Asset Replacement Reserve Fund.

B. Overview

The purpose of this report is to request funding for the restoration of the shoreline at Little River Park.

C. Background

In the fall of 2019, the shoreline at Little River Park received major damage caused by the record high water and the onshore wave action. The existing rocks that where placed along the shoreline years ago need to be re-positioned. Staff are recommending that the existing rocks at Little River Park be re-positioned and additional rocks be added for protection of the shoreline. The town currently has a stockpile of rocks located at Delphi Park that were acquired from a local development project that can be used to increase the protection of the shoreline. The restoration will also include repairs to the border along the waterfront side of the playground, and replacement and relocation of 9 concrete bench pads. The work would also include cleanup of gravel and rocks along the length of the property and landscaping where required. Staff has contacted and applied for a permit for Little River Park from Grey Sauble Conservation Authority.

Staff has considered removing the playground to allow for additional space but are not recommending that. Although it isn’t currently in use, it has historically been a popular location. It is one of the few playgrounds that is close to the water. The playground was installed approximately 10 years ago and has approximately 10 years of life left in it. If the playground is removed it will not be able to be re-assembled and would have to be discarded. Replacement equipment is estimated at $35,000.00.
D. **Analysis**

The damage caused by the high water and wave action led to this recommendation. If the repairs are not completed at Little River Park, staff have no other choice then to fence off and close the park due to the unsafe conditions of the property. Staff recommend that this work be completed before the summer season starts.

E. **The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan**

Goal #5: Ensure Our Infrastructure is Sustainable
Objective #1 Develop a Long-Term Asset Management Plan for the Maintenance, Renewal and Replacement of Existing Infrastructure
Objective #2 Avoid Unexpected Infrastructure Failure and Associated Costs and Liability
Objective #3 Implement Best Practices in Sustainable Infrastructure

F. **Environmental Impacts**

All activities will be completed with as little environmental impact as possible.

G. **Financial Impact**

Due to the damage done at the Little River Park staff are requesting $15,000 to fund the restoration works. This work will be funded from the Community Services Asset Replacement Reserve Fund.

If the works aren’t completed, the beach, washrooms, and playground will need to be closed for the year.

H. **In consultation with**

Andrew Sorenson, Environmental Planning Coordinator, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

I. **Public Engagement**

The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. Comments regarding this report should be submitted to Terry Green, parkstrails@thebluemountains.ca.

J. **Attached**

None.
Respectfully submitted,

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