



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Penzer Action Park Washroom Door Upgrade

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve allocating \$15,249 from the Enterprise Fund for the replacement and upgrading of the Penzer Park Washroom Doors.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to request funding approval from the Enterprise Fund to replace and upgrade the Penzer Park washroom doors to increase vandal resistance.

POLICY:

N/A

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

Since the re-opening of the Penzer washrooms on May 19, 2020, we have experienced higher volume of vandalism. Washroom design, typically, includes inward opening doors which is what is provided at Penzer Park; however, the door lock and mechanism will break with rigorous kicking.

The Penzer Park Washroom doors have repeatedly been kicked in over the past two years and are becoming unusable and challenging to lock. The City has replaced the locks numerous times and attempted straightening and repairing the doors.

A CPTED review was completed on the Linwood Park washroom where there was similar vandalism and damage occurring. The recommendation was that the doors be replaced with outward swinging doors to protect against kicking or using blunt force to enter the doors when locked. Providing doors that swing out offers much less ability to

force them open and allows for metal astragals around the door frames to give even more reinforcement.

In April 2020, the doors at Linwood Park washrooms were reconstructed and have seen success in eliminating vandals accessing the washrooms. We are also planning on installing these doors at Rotary Centennial Park this summer prior to re-opening these amenities for public use.

We have considered the installation of surveillance cameras to deter vandalism and the City may take appropriate action as a last resort after exhausting less privacy-invasive alternatives such as installing the outward swinging doors at Penzer Park washrooms.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The request is to fund \$15,249 from the Enterprise Fund

The current remaining Enterprise Fund balance is \$80,000

ALTERNATIVES:

Replace doors in current frames (inward swinging).

Charge cost to the Parks vandalism operating account 26710 (currently 59% spent of \$76,540 budget)

Respectfully Submitted,



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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



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Chief Administrative Officer