



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services

Date: 2021-11-18

Subject: Memorial Park Entrance

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services, regarding rehabilitation of the stone pillars/walls at the entrance to Memorial Park, And

That West Elgin Council provides direction to staff on the extent of work they would like to see completed on these features in the spring of 2022 to assist in upcoming budget preparation.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the masonry contractor's recommendations regarding the stone pillars/walls which make up the entrance to Memorial Park.

Background:

Restoration of the Cairn at Memorial Park has now been completed, beating the onset of cold weather by a matter of days. This is a time-consuming process, but when done properly, it will ensure the monument will last for future generations to enjoy. While on site, the masonry contractor was asked to provide an assessment of the stone pillars/walls. After inspection, he feels these structures are in poor condition, structurally, and that complete disassembly/rebuild is necessary to properly restore these to their original condition. If the municipality decides to proceed with these repairs, work could be completed in early spring and the new gate installed.

Financial Implications:

The contractor was asked to give an estimated cost to rebuild these structures and show amounts for the walls and pillars separately. The following pricing was submitted to give Council an idea of the financial implications associated with restoring the entrance features –

1. Disassembly of the two stone pillars, foundation repair and rebuild \$18-\$20,000.00
2. Disassembly of the two stone walls, foundation repair and rebuild \$30,000.00

If Council chooses to include money in the 2022 budget for this restoration work, additional pricing could be sought out (although it has been difficult to find contractors available for this type of work). Based on the quality of workmanship put into Cairn restoration, staff feel this contractor has provided a fair assessment of the additional work required and a justified budget number for Council's consideration.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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