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Subject: Information regarding further safety restrictions and protocols for Canada Day 2026 - RM 63/2025

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Strategic Focus Area: Health & Well-being

Recommendations

1. That the report prepared by Meagan Guerra, Manager of Events, Protocol & Tourism to the Committee of Council Meeting of April 15, 2026, re: **Information regarding further safety restrictions and protocols for Canada Day 2026**, be received; and
2. That Committee of Council endorse the implementation of additional safety measures and operational requirements associated with Option 1: Adjusted Event Programming Scope at Chinguacousy Park, as previously approved by Council through motion CW414-2025, including enhanced perimeter fencing, security screening, and associated safety infrastructure.

Report Summary

At the November 26, 2025 Committee of Council meeting (CW414-2025) Council approved Option 1: Adjusted event programming scope at Chinguacousy Park by eliminating all programming associated with the Curling Club and surrounding vicinity and directed staff to report back with additional information regarding further safety restrictions and protocols.

This report outlines the additional operational requirements necessary to support a safe Canada Day 2026 celebration in Chinguacousy Park under the revised event footprint. These measures include perimeter fencing, controlled access points, enhanced security staffing, bag checks, and additional safety infrastructure such as light towers and signage.

The additional safety measures and operational requirements are estimated to result in an incremental cost of approximately \$80,000. These costs will be accommodated within the existing Corporate Support Services annual base operating budget through reduced programming costs for Canada Day.

Background

Canada Day celebrations at Chinguacousy Park represent one of the City's largest annual events. The event traditionally includes entertainment programming, fireworks, and family-focused activities throughout the park.

Through motion CW414-2025, Council approved Option 1, which reduces the event programming footprint. Council further directed staff to report back with details regarding additional safety restrictions and protocols required to support the revised event configuration.

Current Situation

Following Council direction, staff conducted an operational review of event safety requirements for Canada Day 2026 in Chinguacousy Park under the adjusted programming footprint.

To ensure safe and controlled access to the event site, the following measures are required:

Perimeter Fencing and Gates

Perimeter fencing and controlled gate access will be required to manage event entry points and improve overall site security. Approximate costs include:

- Typical fencing cost: \$80,000.00
- Additional estimated fencing and gate requirements: \$30,000.00
- Total estimated fencing cost: \$110,000.00

Additional Security Measures

Enhanced security personnel will be required to support:

- Monitoring of perimeter fencing
- Controlled entrance points
- Bag checks and security screening at entry gates
- Crowd management and public safety support

Approximate cost estimates are as follows:

- Typical security personnel cost: \$55,000.00
- Additional estimated security requirements: \$50,000.00
- Total estimated security cost: \$105,000.00

Additional Safety Infrastructure

Additional light towers and safety signage will also be required to support the controlled entry model and ensure safe navigation within the event space. These costs have been incorporated into the estimates outlined above.

These measures are intended to ensure the City can safely manage the large attendance levels anticipated for Canada Day celebrations at Chinguacousy Park, in response to a notable increase in anti-social behaviour and broader public safety concerns associated with large-scale outdoor festivals and events.

Financial Implications

The additional safety measures and operational requirements are estimated to result in an incremental cost of approximately \$80,000. These costs will be accommodated within the existing Corporate Support Services annual base operating budget through reduced programming costs for Canada Day.

Legal Comments

There are no direct legal implications associated with the recommendations in this report. Enhanced safety measures support the City's duty of care in the delivery of large-scale public events.

Purchasing Comments

Procurement of fencing, security services, and related equipment will be conducted in accordance with the City's Purchasing By-law and applicable procurement policies.

Communications Implications

Should Council endorse the additional safety measures, staff will incorporate the requirements into event planning and public communications for Canada Day 2026. Public messaging will include information regarding controlled entry points, security screening, and permitted items to ensure attendees are aware of event safety protocols in advance.

Conclusion

Council previously approved Option 1: Adjusted Event Programming Scope at Chinguacousy Park through motion CW414-2025 and directed staff to report back on additional safety restrictions and protocols.

To support a safe and well-managed Canada Day celebration, staff have identified the need for perimeter fencing, controlled access points, additional security personnel, and supporting safety infrastructure. These measures align with best practices for large-scale public events and will assist in ensuring a safe environment for residents and visitors attending 2026 Canada Day celebrations in Chinguacousy Park.

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