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Subject: **Self-Sustaining Public Washrooms – All Wards (RM 49/2022)**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report from Parks Maintenance & Forestry division, dated February 1, 2023, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 22, 2023 re: **Self-Sustaining Public Washrooms – All Wards (RM 49/2022)**, be received.

Overview:

- **With Brampton’s rapid population and development growth there has been an increase in the use of existing Parks and Recreation facilities and the City recognizes the right to have access to sanitation that is clean, safe and secure.**
- **On December 7, 2022 Council received a delegation in regards to smart self-cleaning, vandal proof, prefabricated washrooms and a motion was passed, referring staff to report back to Council for consideration.**
- **Parks Maintenance & Forestry, in collaboration with Purchasing, are currently in the process of conducting a public Request for Information (RFI) for all interested manufacturers to provide insight on their product and how it will benefit and meet required City expectations; staff will also be able to request information entailing but not limited to, financing options, servicing plans and requirements for water and electrical supply.**
- **Upon the closing of the RFI, staff will be able to evaluate information received by various vendors and report back during the 2023 Budget on details to implement sustainable washrooms within the City.**

Background:

The City of Brampton is continuously expanding its park infrastructures with neighborhood parks and outdoor community facilities. With such growth, there has been an increase in the use of existing Parks and Recreation facilities resulting in the need to have accessible, clean and safe washroom services for residents to utilize.

Members of Council also recognize such need and on December 7, 2022 a delegation in regards to smart self-cleaning, vandal proof, prefabricated washrooms was received with a motion referring staff to report back to Council for consideration.

To date, washroom buildings are constructed at various outdoor community spaces and portlets are installed at selected neighborhood parks.

Current Situation:

The City of Brampton is exploring innovative and cost effective options to be implemented in existing and future parks, allowing residents to have access to clean, hygienic and safe public washrooms.

Parks Maintenance & Forestry in collaboration with Purchasing released a public Request for Information (RFI) on January 30, 2023 for all interested manufacturers to provide insight on how their product will benefit and meet required City expectations. Upon the closing of RFI on February 14, 2023 the City will be able to gather information on, but not limited to: standards and guidelines for future public washroom facilities, types of innovative public washrooms feasible for the City of Brampton, material details, safety, cleanliness, washroom accessibility standards, environmental benefits, water and electrical requirements as well as options that can be utilized requiring limited or no electrical components.

Through this detailed process, staff will be able to request information pertaining to financing options, servicing plans, staffing hours required and training programs offered for City staff.

Next Steps

Staff will evaluate the information received from the RFI and report back to Council during the 2023 Budget deliberation period, with details on how to proceed with a pilot project within the City, subject to Council's approval. This will provide an opportunity for parks with available water and electrical supply to adapt an innovative amenity as a long-term solution.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications directly associated with this report. Staff have commenced the RFI process and will bring back a report during the 2023 budget deliberations, outlining the estimated operating and capital costs of the options available for Council's consideration.

Term of Council Priorities:

This report supports the following Term of Council Priorities:

- Brampton is a Healthy and Safe City – Continue to design, build and maintain community spaces that will encourage active and healthy lifestyles while improving the mental health of all ages and abilities.
- Brampton is a Well-Run City – Continuously improving operations by streamlining service delivery, effectively managing municipal assets and partnerships for collaboration and advocacy.

Conclusion:

With the great need to have accessible, clean and safe washroom services for all residents, staff have developed an RFI to gather details on how to implement an innovative and cost effective washroom facility contingent on electrical and water supply within the City of Brampton. Staff will report back to Council upon the closing of the RFI with specific details for the implementation of sustainable washrooms.

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