

**Town of Goderich
2026 Draft Capital Budget**

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BLUE = updated from Original Forecast

Capital Form	Dept	Project	Cost	Reserve	Reserve Fund	Grant	RF		
							Borrowings	Taxation	
1	1020	Town Hall - Building Automation System	\$ 25,000.00		25,000.00				Facilities RF
-		Town Hall HVAC unit replacement - annual allocation for ongoing replacements	40,000.00		40,000.00				Facilities RF
2	1400	Pumper #14 Retrofit	30,000.00		30,000.00				Fire RF
3		Warning Beacon at Fire Hall	12,000.00		12,000.00				Fire RF
	1950	CCTV on Courthouse Square + Public Works building	38,000.00					38,000.00	
4	2100	Audible pedestrian traffic signals - Suncoast and Hwy 21	25,000.00		10,534.00				Connecting Link RF
		Advance green phase traffic signal - Suncoast and Hwy 21 - defer pending Traffic Study							
5	2500	Oxford St							
		Roads portion	505,563.00		455,563.00			50,000.00	CCBF RF
		Sanitary Sewer portion	838,473.00		838,473.00				Sanitary Sewer RF
		Water portion	695,114.00		695,114.00				Water Capital RF
N/A		Rebuild Downtown Infrastructure Project							
		Roads portion	2,421,420.00		1,208,986.00	425,070.00	637,364.00	150,000.00	OCIF and CCBF
		Sanitary Sewer portion	969,733.00		969,733.00				Sanitary Sewer RF
		Water portion	1,254,768.00		1,254,768.00				Water Capital RF
N/A		Suncoast - Topcoat							
		Roads portion - cost increase 10k	79,844.00		59,844.00			20,000.00	Road Reconstruction RF
		Sanitary Sewer portion	-						
		Water portion	238,655.00		238,655.00				Water Capital RF
		Suncoast Storm sewer relining - defer to 2027 - \$500k							
6		Storm sewer replacement at Waste Water Plant	650,000.00		650,000.00				OCIF/ Road Reconstruction RF

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		Additional lighting - PXO - Bayfield/Bennett and Elgin/South	30,000.00		30,000.00				Road Reconstruction RF
		Crack Sealing	25,000.00					25,000.00	
	3000	New Public Works building - design work - defer to 2027	-						
7		Pick up truck	55,000.00		55,000.00				Public Works Equip RF
8		Sweeper truck	650,000.00		650,000.00				Public Works Equip RF
9		Trackless Sidewalk Plow	230,000.00		230,000.00				Public Works Equip RF
	3250	Machinery and Equipment - general allocation pending changes in Operating Authority	500,000.00		500,000.00				Water Capital RF
		MCC and HVAC project - initial project budget	5,024,800.00		5,024,800.00				Water Capital RF and HEWSF RF
10		Dry Hydrant at Port	30,000.00		30,000.00				Water Capital RF
	3700	Marina - Wooden kayak launch pad	8,000.00					8,000.00	
		Marina - Concrete pads - 3	4,800.00					4,800.00	
	3800	North Harbour Road Stairs	700,000.00		350,000.00	350,000.00			approval
	4400	Sanitary Sewer Machinery and Equipment - general allocation pending change in Operating Authority	500,000.00		500,000.00				Sanitary Sewer RF
		Outfall at Waste Water Plant - carryover	280,000.00		280,000.00				Sanitary Sewer RF
11	4700	Cemetery Backhoe	65,000.00		65,000.00				Cemetery RF
12	5400	Childcare kitchen renovation	250,000.00			250,000.00			County

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							Borrowings	Taxation	
13	5700	Beach Hut roof	50,000.00		50,000.00				Parks Reserve Fund
		Fence - Victoria Park - defer							Parks Reserve Fund
14		Parks - Pick up Truck	55,000.00		55,000.00				Parks Reserve Fund
		Parks - Mower	25,000.00		25,000.00				Parks Reserve Fund
15		Parks - Automated mower	50,000.00		50,000.00				Parks Reserve Fund
17	6002	Bannister Park lot resurface	650,000.00		650,000.00				Recreation RF
18		Ice resurfacers	175,000.00	175,000.00					MRC Reserve
19		Pool lighting - cost update -3K	20,000.00		20,000.00				Recreation RF
		Flags at Bannister Park	10,000.00					10,000.00	
20		Hack Squat equipment - Maitland Recreation Centre	7,800.00		7,800.00				Recreation RF
21		Field Grooming Equipment	20,000.00		20,000.00				Recreation RF
		MRC - Pool heater - Staff Report December 8, 2025	50,000.00		50,000.00				Recreation RF
	6003	Open Ready Renovations Goderich Memorial Community Centre - Building and Fire Code compliance as per MOU - increase to maximum commitment	140,000.00		140,000.00				Recreation RF
		Water and HVAC in front lobby and community hall as per MOU for Goderich Memorial Community Centre	148,000.00		148,000.00				Recreation RF
23	8000	Library Windows - move to operating	-		-				
	8502	Server	20,000.00		20,000.00				MVMC RF
		Addition - approved September 8/25	400,000.00		400,000.00				MVMC RF
		Instrument washer/disinfector - approved October 6/25	60,000.00		60,000.00				MVMC RF
		Lighting retrofit - to improve energy efficiency - moved to operating	-		-				
	8490	Mitchell St - Stormwater management - deferred \$1,000,000							
			\$ 18,056,970.00	175,000.00	15,899,270.00	1,025,070.00	637,364.00	320,266.00	

Town of Goderich
Capital Funding Summary

	Draft
Water and Sewer Reserve Funds	\$ 7,112,699
Reserve Funds	3,503,178
HEWSF Grant/Reserve Fund	3,218,844
Reserves	175,000
OCIF Grant/Reserve Fund	1,208,986
CCBF grant/Reserve Fund	855,563
Other grants	1,025,070
Reserve Fund Borrowings	637,364
Supported by Taxation	320,266
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GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

At Town Hall the Building Automation System (BAS) runs all the heating, cooling and heat recovery systems in the building. This system, if set up properly, can be remotely controlled by Trane technicians to reduce costly site visits.

Project Justification

As with all electronic devices, upgrades are required to improve services of new equipment. This system has not been upgraded since its installation in 2009. The equipment that is being replaced, is running, but not communicating with the facilities program. To successfully run heating and cooling system at Town Hall requires an upgrade of approximately \$25,000.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement Retrofit New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

To complete the upfitting of Pumper #14 to a pumper/rescue standard by installing coffin-style rooftop storage, dedicated electrical outlets for a fridge and on-board charging, and upgraded LED warning/scene lighting to current standards.

Project Justification

This retrofit was originally budgeted in 2025, however, due to the increased purchase price of the new pumper, those funds were reallocated to the acquisition of that unit. Completing the remaining scope will improve operational readiness, crew/public safety, equipment organization and on site efficiency.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service New

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

Install Dual 8" Yellow Flashing Beacons with signage stating "EMERGENCY VEHICLES EXITING WHEN LIGHTS ARE FLASHING" east of the Fire Hall to warn approaching vehicles.

Project Justification

The project is justified by a clear, foreseeable collision risk for the Fire Station egress onto Suncoast Drive where westbound sight-lines and higher operating speed have produced near miss events as apparatus enter the roadway under emergency response. Installing amber warning beacons with "EMERGENCY VEHICLES EXIT WHEN FLASHING" will prime driver expectations and provide early warning to approaching motorists materially reducing the likelihood and severity of crashes without delaying response times

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name Audible Traffic Signals - Connecting Link - Suncoast/ hwy 21

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service Increase LOS

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate \$25,000

Funding Source Taxation

Project Description

See Staff Report October 20, 2025 (attached).

Project Justification

Submitted By Sean Thomas

Council Approval YES NO **Date**

Staff Report

To: Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council
Report From: Sean Thomas Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations
Meeting Date: October 20, 2025
Subject: Bayfield Road/Suncoast Drive Traffic Signal – Advanced Green and Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS)

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receives this report for information and directs staff to include the Bayfield Road/Suncoast Drive intersection improvements as part of the 2026 Traffic Control Study and Budget deliberations.

Report Summary:

Following the Mayor's request, staff have obtained preliminary pricing for an audible pedestrian signal and a quote for an advanced green light at the Bayfield Road and Suncoast Drive intersection. A Traffic Control Study for all eight traffic-controlled intersections in the Town of Goderich has never occurred. Staff recommend addressing all of these items as part of the broader 2026 Traffic Control Study.

Background and Analysis:

At the October 6, 2025, meeting, the Mayor requested that staff obtain a quote for the installation of an advanced green for southbound traffic on Bayfield Road and the addition of an audible pedestrian signal (APS) feature.

Staff have been developing a scope of work for the 2026 Budget to review all eight traffic-controlled intersections in Goderich, including:

- Hwy 21 at Suncoast Drive
- Hwy 21 at Hwy 8
- Hwy 21 at East Street
- Hwy 21 at Nelson Street
- Hwy 8 at Britannia Road
- Hwy 8 at Suncoast Drive
- Hwy 8 at Zehrs / Boston Pizza
- Hwy 8 at LCBO / Canadian Tire

The review will evaluate:

- Existing traffic signal equipment and controller compatibility
- AODA compliance and pedestrian signal features

- Signal timing, loops, and vehicle detection
- Traffic and pedestrian volumes
- Level of Service (LOS) for 2025 and projected 2045 traffic conditions
- Warrants for advanced left turns, coordination of signals, and possible lane configuration changes
- Recommendations and probable costs for prioritized improvements

A comprehensive Traffic Control Study of the Town's traffic signals has never been performed, and much of the existing equipment may not reflect current traffic conditions, accessibility requirements, or technology standards. The proposed review will provide updated data and recommendations to guide future upgrades.

As the Bayfield Road and Suncoast Drive intersection is located on a Connecting Link, any changes to signal timing or the addition of an advanced green must be reviewed and approved by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). The MTO does not have a specific "warrant" for advanced greens; however, approval is based on engineering justification consistent with Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 12 and Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) guidelines. This includes evaluation of traffic volumes, opposing flow, delay, and safety history. The proposed 2026 Traffic Signal Review will provide the necessary data and analysis to support such a request to MTO.

A quote previously obtained from ERTH Corporation indicated an estimated cost of \$25,000 for the installation of an audible pedestrian signal (APS) at the Bayfield / Suncoast intersection.

A quoted price for the advanced green (protected left-turn phase) is \$20,000. Staff anticipate that implementation/feasibility will depend on the condition and compatibility of the existing signal controller, which will be confirmed as part of the broader traffic signal review planned for 2026. As previously noted, this intersection is on a Connecting Link, and therefore any change to signal phasing (including an advanced green) will require Ministry of Transportation (MTO) review and approval based on engineering justification consistent with OTM Book 12/TAC guidance.

Staff recommend incorporating both upgrades into the 2026 program to ensure consistent design standards, controller compatibility, and cost efficiency.

Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan (Choose all that apply):

- No. 1 Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- No. 2 Welcoming and Caring Community
- No. 3 Strong Local Economy
- No. 4 Good Government
- No. 5 Environmental Stewardship

Linkage to Asset Management Plan:

This staff report is related to the following within the Town's Asset Management Program (Choose one):

And directly impacts (Choose all that apply):

- Road Network
- Water Network
- Sanitary Network
- Storm Network
- Fleet
- Facilities
- Land Improvements
- Machinery and Equipment

- State of Good Repair/Replacement
- Municipal Levels of Service
- Risk Management
- Growth Impacts
- Financial Strategy

Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:

The estimated cost for a Traffic Control Study is approximately \$45,000. The audible pedestrian signal (APS) at Bayfield/Suncoast is \$25,000. A quoted price for the advanced green (protected left-turn phase) is \$20,000. Both items will be included as part of the proposed 2026 Traffic Control Study and the 2026 Capital Budget.

Consulted With:

Bruce Potter, P.Eng., B.M. Ross & Associates

Approved By:

Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

Full reconstruction of Oxford street between Hinks Street and Huron Road including Water, Sanitary and Storm water infrastructure.

Project Justification

The sanitary sewer (1896) and watermain (1952) on this section of Oxford Street are at end-of-life. While the watermain has some remaining forecasted life, multiple recent breaks show it is no longer reliable. The sidewalks (1960) and road surface (1984) have also exceeded their useful life. Recent failures have confirmed the deteriorated condition of the infrastructure. Reconstruction is warranted to replace these aging systems and restore safe, dependable service.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name Storm Sewer Replacement - Waste Water Treatment Plant

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age 52

Asset Condition very poor

Cost Estimate \$650,000

Funding Source Road Reconstruction Reserve Fund

Project Description

Trunk storm replacement WWTP

Project Justification

Trunk Storm Main was constructed in 1974. Recent failures have confirmed the deteriorated condition of the infrastructure. Reconstruction is warranted to replace these aging systems and restore safe, dependable service.

Submitted By Sean Thomas

Council Approval YES NO **Date**

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement Yes New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

To replace the current 9 year old pickup truck that has reached its end of life at the Public Works Department.

Project Justification

With an estimated useful life of 7 years and a current age of 9 years, the pickup truck has surpassed its service life and requires replacement.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

To replace the Public Works Department's 13-year old vacuum street sweeper, which has reached end of life. The unit's primary role is to collect debris on paved surfaces (leaves, litter, sand, gravel, broken glass, and other waste) while controlling dust. It also provides hydrovac capability and is used annually to clean catch basins, which helps prevent flooding and runoff issues during heavy rain.

Project Justification

In the spring of 2025, staff identified a leak and significant deterioration in the vehicle's hopper. A temporary seal was installed to keep the unit safe and operational, however, it is not a long term solution. Given a 10 year useful life and a current age of 13 years, the vacuum street sweeper has exceeded its service life and should be replaced. It is important to note that BASED ON AVAILABILITY, there may be an option to rent a vacuum sweeper unit. The cost would be approx. \$15,000 per month from April -Nov. for a total of \$120,000 annually.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

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PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement Yes New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

To replace the 16 year old sidewalk maintainer at the Public Works Department, which has reached end of life. This unit plows snow and sands sidewalks in the winter, and grinds raised sidewalk lips and sweeps in the summer. The fleet also includes one additional sidewalk maintainer which was purchased in 2023.

Project Justification

With a 15 yer useful life and a current age of 16 years, the sidewalk maintainer has exceeded its service life and requires replacement. The Town of Goderich maintains approximately 67 km of concrete sidewalk in the winter. Industry practice assigns approximately 25 km of winter maintenance per sidewalk maintainer. To ensure Town's Road Maintenance Program is met, Public Works must have at least two reliable sidewalk maintainers in service.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

The need for the dry hydrant was identified by the Town's Emergency Control Group. This hydrant would take untreated water from the harbour for fire suppression.

Project Justification

The dry hydrant would provide an additional water source for the Fire Department to address potential large fires and provide an alternate source for water beyond the Town's water supply for fire suppression.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO **Date**

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

To replace the current 23 year old tractor loader/backhoe at the cemetery, which has exceeded its end of life. This unit is used primarily for grave excavation which provides faster, safer and more precise vertical-walled digs than manual labour. It is also used for general landscaping, backfilling graves, and to complete small construction tasks within the cemetery grounds, including preparing footings for markers.

Project Justification

The Kubota tractor loader/backhoe has a typical useful life of 15 years but is now 23 years old and beyond its service life. The unit is essential for day to day use at the cemetery but is also deployed across Operations, including for the Parks Department's annual tree-planting program. Replacement is recommended to ensure reliability and safety.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

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PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

We propose a full renovation of the child care kitchen to create a safe, efficient and child-centered food service environment. The upgraded space will improve meal prep efficiency, meet modern licensing and safety standards, and support healthier nutrition for children. Renovations include commercial-grade appliances, hygienic surfaces, upgraded ventilation, increased storage, and improved traffic flow between the kitchen areas. This upgrade will increase capacity, reduce operational risk, and enhance overall quality of care.

Project Justification

Our kitchen has served us well, but over time it's become a space held together by temporary fixes, quick repairs, mismatched replacements, and workarounds that no longer meet the needs of our program. While these bandaid solutions kept us going, they are no longer enough to support a safe, efficient, and compliant operation. To ensure staff can work safely and effectively, it's time for a comprehensive renovation that addresses long-term infrastructure needs—not just surface-level patching.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

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PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement Yes New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

Replacement of the 21 year old roof at the Beach Hut and Concession Stand through the Parks Department budget.

Project Justification

The Beach Hut roof, now 21 years old, is within four years of its 25-year expected service life. Town staff and volunteers have made multiple repairs over the past year; however, the roof is now in a condition that requires full replacement.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

To replace the current 8 year old pickup truck that has reached its end of life at the Parks Department.

Project Justification

With an estimated useful life of 7 years and a current age of 8 years, the pickup truck has surpassed its service life and requires replacement.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

To purchase one commercial grade autonomous electric mower to maintain three baseball diamonds and one soccer field at Bannister Park. The mower will deliver quieter operations, consistent turf quality, lower fuel use, reduced GHG emissions and ree up staff time while improving service levels.

Project Justification

In summer of 2025, staff began evaluating autonomous mowers to improve operational efficiency. In late Sept., a successful multi-day demonstration was conducted at the Maitland Recreation Centre soccer field, where staff observed performance and cut quality. Currently, Bannister Park sports fields are mowed by Parks staff on Mondays and Thursdays. An autonomous mower would reduce weekly staff hours at Bannister Park and enhance the user experience by maintaining a lower, consistent turf height through weekday daily cuts (Monday-Friday).

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

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PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

Project Justification

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

Reconstruction of Bannister park parking lot and associated Storm water management infrastructure including removal of former grandstand foundation.

Project Justification

The Bannister Park parking lot is in very poor condition and has exceeded its service life. Surface deterioration, poor drainage, and uneven grades are affecting usability, accessibility, and maintenance. The remaining concrete foundation from the former grandstand, demolished in 2011, is still exposed and currently being parked on, creating operational and safety concerns. Reconstruction is required to remove the obsolete foundation, correct subgrade deficiencies, and restore a safe, functional parking lot that properly supports activity at Bannister Park.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement Yes New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

To replace the 22 year old backup ice resurfacer at the Maitland Recreation Centre, which has reached end of life. The facility operates two units, a 10 year old primary resurfacer and a 22 year old backup.

Project Justification

With a 15-year useful life and a current age of 22 years, the backup ice resurfacer has exceeded its service life and requires replacement. Upon purchase, the new unit will become the primary resurfacer and the 10 year old unit will transition to the backup. Maintaining two reliable units is essential to ensure uninterrupted ice operations at the Maitland Recreation Centre.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

Operating

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

Replacement of the current light fixtures in the pool room at the Maitland Recreation Centre with fully sealed IP65 rated fixtures.

Project Justification

The current fixtures are experiencing corrosion and failure, believed to result from insufficient sealing. These current fixtures are not listed in the asset inventory. However, the fixtures are original to the 2003 facility and are approximately 22-23 years old.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name Hack Squat Machine

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service Increase LOS

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate \$7,800

Funding Source Recreation Reserve Fund

Project Description
Purchase of a Hack Squat Machine.

Project Justification
See attached email from the General Manager, Goderich Huron YMCA

Submitted By Mike VanderWerf

Council Approval YES NO Date November 17, 2025

Deanna Hastie

From: Mike Vander Werf <mike.vanderwerf@swo.ymca.ca>
Sent: November 17, 2025 7:17 PM
To: Deanna Hastie
Subject: Re: Equipment Request 2026

Good Afternoon Deanna,

Thank you for your email and for considering our request. I'd like to provide some context and rationale for why we believe a hack squat machine would be a valuable addition to our YMCA facility.

1. Purpose and Member Benefit

The hack squat machine is designed to provide a safe and effective way to strengthen the lower body, particularly the quadriceps, hamstrings, and glutes. It offers guided movement and back support, which reduces the risk of injury compared to free-weight squats. This makes it accessible for a wide range of members—from beginners to advanced athletes—while promoting proper form and joint safety.

2. Meeting Member Needs

We've seen increased interest in strength training among our members, including older adults and those recovering from injuries. Many of these individuals require equipment that allows controlled movement and minimizes strain on the lower back and knees. The hack squat machine meets these needs and supports our mission to provide inclusive fitness options for all ages and abilities.

3. Is It New or a Replacement?

This would be a **new addition**, not a replacement. Currently, we do not have a dedicated machine for this type of exercise. While we offer free weights and leg press machines, the hack squat provides a unique angle and movement pattern that complements existing equipment and fills a gap in our strength training offerings.

4. Alignment with YMCA Goals

Adding this machine enhances our ability to deliver safe, progressive strength training programs, supports functional fitness, and helps members achieve their health goals. It also positions our facility competitively with other fitness centers, ensuring we continue to provide high-quality equipment and experiences.

Thank you for your consideration,

MV

Mike Vander Werf | Pronouns: he/his/him

General Manager

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PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

To purchase new walk behind field grooming equipment.

Project Justification

Purchasing a field-grooming stone burier will improve sports field safety and playability by removing weed infestation along the fence lines, eliminating overgrowth and accelerating uniform turf establishment. The equipment reduces trip hazards and will significantly decrease staff time currently spent on manual weed removal. This supports consistent service levels across baseball diamonds, soccer pitches, and park areas by mitigating liability while enhancing community user experience.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date

GODERICH

Removed.

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service Increase LOS

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

The addition of a Splash Pad at Bannister Park.

Project Justification

See attached Staff memo from November 10, 2025

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO **Date**

Staff Report

To: Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council
Report From: Kyle Williams, Community Services and Operations Manager
Meeting Date: November 10, 2025
Subject: Victoria Street Splash Pad Update

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council continue operating the fully functioning splash pad at Victoria Park;

And That Staff obtain updated vendor quotes and concept designs for a new splash pad at Bannister Park for consideration as part of the 2026 Budget.

Report Summary:

In 2024, staff investigated the cost to retrofit and upgrade the Victoria Park splash pad. The review found that the retrofit cost would be comparable to building an entirely new splash pad. If this approach were undertaken, Bannister Park would be the preferred location due to its available space, parking, and existing amenities. Budgetary pricing obtained in 2024 placed a new splash pad at Bannister Park in the range of approximately \$150,000 to \$300,000, depending on final size and features.

Background and Analysis:

The current splash pad, at Victoria Park, was installed in 2008. All water features are fully functioning, and Staff have no current safety concerns with the existing splash pad.

While the play surface and features are performing well, the mechanical equipment is nearing the end of life. The mechanical equipment has a "Very Poor" age-based condition rating with 2 years of service life remaining. With general maintenance, staff expect to continue full and safe operation for the remaining useful life and beyond.

The age-based condition on the concrete and water features has a "Good" rating with 32 years of service life remaining. The age-based rating on the mechanical equipment indicates larger repairs may be required in the upcoming years to avoid possible disruptions to usage.

Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan (Choose all that apply):

- No. 1 Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- No. 2 Welcoming and Caring Community
- No. 3 Strong Local Economy
- No. 4 Good Government
- No. 5 Environmental Stewardship

Linkage to Asset Management Plan:

This staff report is related to the following within the Town's Asset Management Program (Choose one):

- Road Network
- Water Network
- Sanitary Network
- Storm Network
- Fleet
- Facilities
- Land Improvements
- Machinery and Equipment

And directly impacts (Choose all that apply):

- State of Good Repair/Replacement
- Municipal Levels of Service
- Risk Management
- Growth Impacts
- Financial Strategy

Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:

There is no financial impact associated with this report. However, staff recommend obtaining updated vendor quotes and concept designs for a new splash pad at Bannister Park for consideration as part of the 2026 Budget.

Is this cost budgeted for? Yes: No:

Consulted With:

Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations
Nathan Feagan, Parks/Cemetery Supervisor

Approved By:

Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
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PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECT 2026

Project Name

Project Type Asset Replacement New Asset - increase Level of Service

Asset Age

Asset Condition

Cost Estimate

Funding Source

Project Description

Construction of the Huron County Library located on Montreal St. began in 1903 and opening in 1905. It is no longer feasible to repair the original windows of the building so replacement began in 2025.

Project Justification

Approved by Council last year as part of a three-year \$30,000 per year program to complete the windows . It is estimated that another \$45,000 in next year's budget would finish the project thus saving \$15,000.

Submitted By

Council Approval YES NO Date