

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA**

**REPORT NO. OI-2020-0024  
FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF  
COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 28, 2020**

**SUBJECT: JULIA MUNRO PARK CONSTRUCTION – PUBLIC CONSULTATION  
REGARDING PERMANENT WASHROOMS**

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**1. RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. That Council receive Report No. OI-2020-0024 prepared by the Operations and Infrastructure Department, dated October 28, 2020 regarding public consultation for permanent washrooms at Julia Munro Park;**
- 2. That Council confirm Resolution C-2020-0302 authorizing the removal of permanent washrooms from the Awarded Contract for construction of the Julia Munro Park.**

**2. PURPOSE:**

This report has been prepared to advise Council of findings arising from the public consultation conducted to gauge community requirements for a permanent public washroom in the proposed Julia Munro Park.

**3. BACKGROUND:**

At the meeting of September 23, 2020 Council received a report recommending the Award of Tender for the construction and development of the Julia Munro Park in Sutton. The report identified that the approved project budget would be insufficient to complete the entire project as Tendered. Staff recommended the removal of the permanent washroom feature within the park as an appropriate means to reduce the overall project costs. Staff noted that permanent washrooms have not been provided in similar parks within the Town. Staff also noted funding available for any future park development would be reduced if the additional cost was added to this project.

Based on those recommendations, Council authorized removal of permanent washrooms from the contract to construct the Julia Munro Park in Sutton, subject to further public consultation to gauge community requirements for a permanent public washroom.

**RESOLUTION NO. C-2020-0302**

That Council authorize removal of permanent washrooms resulting in an estimated cost savings of \$275,000, excluding HST, subject to public

consultation, and that Council authorize the Award of Contract OID2020-044 to Latitude 67 Ltd. for the construction of Julia Munro Park, in the amount of \$2,086,466.50, excluding HST.

Direction was also provided to staff requesting consultation with York Region Public Health, York Regional Police, and the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Control Group.

**4. ANALYSIS:**

**4.1 On-Line Survey Results**

Due to the current COVID-19 protocols a digital survey was used to undertake the community consultation. A digital survey was prepared and made available to the public through the Town webpage and promoted on social and print media. The availability of the survey was advertised on two (2) roadside message board signs. In addition staff attended the Georgina Farmers market on September 27, 2020 and provide paper copies of survey at the Town’s information booth. Fourteen (14) hard copy surveys were completed at the Farmer’s Market, 201 online surveys were completed and additional comments were received via email and Facebook. The survey was available to respondents September 25 to October 9, 2020.

The following is a summary of the survey results.

Question	Answer Choices	Responses % (# of people)
How important is it to you and your family to have permanent washrooms installed at Julia Munro Park?	Extremely Important	23.7% (51)
	Very Important	17.7% (38)
	Somewhat Important	10.2% (22)
	Slightly Important	9.8% (21)
	Not Important	38.6% (83)
How important is the consideration of future operating costs to you and your family (cleaning/disinfecting, opening/closing, and surveillance)?	Extremely Important	37.2% (80)
	Very Important	27.0% (58)
	Somewhat Important	25.6% (55)
	Slightly Important	6.0% (13)
	Not Important	4.2% (9)
Prior to taking this survey, were you aware that a community park was being built in the Lakeside Meadows subdivision in Sutton?	Yes	60.9% (131)
	No	35.8% (77)
	I am not sure	3.3% (7)
Prior to taking this survey, were you involved in the design consultation process for the Sutton Community Park?	Yes	12.5% (27)
	No	85.6% (184)
	I am not sure	1.9% (4)

In summary, approximately 41% of respondents indicate that a permanent washroom is important (extremely or very) to them, while approximately 39% indicate that a permanent washroom is not important to them.

Of the 201 survey respondents, approximately 64% indicate that the consideration of future operating costs are important (extremely or very), while only 4% indicate that on-going operating costs are not important.

The survey responses were primarily received from residents located in Sutton (52%), with Keswick (20%), followed by Jackson's Pt. (5.5%) , Willow Beach/Franklin Beach (4%), and Pefferlaw (4.5%).

Responses from the various demographic groups were as follows:

Female/Male (63% / 31%)

Age: under 25 years (0.2%)

Age: 25-55 (70%)

Age: over 55 years (25%)

Please note, not all respondents provided demographic data. The data provided indicates that the survey results are from a reasonably representative cross-section of the community, but under-represents the youth demographic.

The survey included a section for additional comments. All comments received are provided in Attachment 1. The following comments are representative of those specifically related to washrooms in parks and Town facilities.

- More people will use the park if there is a permanent washroom.
- Required because there is a splash pad and ice-skating area. Provides somewhere to change.
- Permanent washrooms should be considered as essential services to ensure equal access for everyone -- seniors, children and those with disabilities or conditions that make it impossible to consider outings where washrooms are not available. Quality of life.
- Washrooms need to be accessible and provide an adult sized change table, and potentially a lift system.
- Majority of the users live within the subdivision, and can use their own washrooms.
- Do not want the tax burden of maintaining permanent washrooms.
- Not a destination park with sports fields or beach access. Most visits will be short.
- Provide portable washrooms, but install infrastructure for the possibility of future permanent washrooms, if the demand is there.
- If the misuse of public restrooms in existing parks has taught us anything it is that they are abused, tagged, littered, and left a disgusting mess.
- Concerns that a permanent washroom will provide a private place to partake in drug use or drinking.

- Review the assets the Town already has like the public washrooms at Bonnie Park before spending on new assets. If we can't maintain what we have now what is the point of adding more. Not maintained and places for unwanted activities
- Portable toilets are far easier to clean and sanitize than a permanent building. In addition, the ongoing cost of maintaining a permanent structure year after year would be substantial.
- Portable washrooms are provided by the Town at other similar level facilities and are sufficient. The portable washroom at Whipper Watson Park is rarely used.

#### **4.2 Consultation - York Region Police – CPTED Principles**

York Regional Police were requested to provide comments through their Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) advisors. CPTED is a multi-disciplinary approach of crime prevention that uses urban and architectural design and the management of built and natural environments. CPTED strategies aim to reduce victimization, deter offender decisions that precede criminal acts, and build a sense of community among inhabitants so they can gain territorial control of areas, reduce crime, and minimize fear of crime.

Based on YRP's experience, park washrooms provide and location for undesirable activities to take place. Without the regular oversight and staff presence these spaces become potential hangouts and meeting places for drug use and other undesirable activity. YRP's staff noted that permanent washrooms in similar park or open space location are 'negative activity generators'.

#### **4.3 Consultation - York Region Public Health**

Public Health staff noted that the Town has established appropriate cleaning protocols for other public washrooms in parks and facilities, and that these cleaning protocols should be maintained if the washrooms are constructed.

#### **4.4 Consultation the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Control Group**

The EOC has been apprised of the project and has no concerns as it relates to the EOC mandate during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Control Group received the comments from the YRP and Public Health.

### **5. RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This report addresses the following strategic goal:

PRIORITY 4: "Deliver Exceptional Service" – Manage our Finances and Assets Proactively

**6. FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Staff presented several funding options related to the construction of Julia Munro park in report OI-2020-0022 received by Council on September 23, 2020. Deferral of the permanent washroom (Option #2) will result in estimated savings of \$279,840.00 and a projected budget surplus of \$34,285.58. The park will be serviced with water and sanitary sewers, allowing the permanent washrooms to be constructed in the future if additional funds become available.

The following table outlines the projected capital cost of the recommended strategy.

**Recommended Strategy- Option #2, Defer the Permanent Washroom Structure**

	Base Cost of Award	Budget Impact (Incl. 1.76% HST)
Base Tender	\$2,086,466.50	\$2,123,188.31
Estimated Savings (Remove Washrooms)	\$ -275,000.0	\$ -279,840.00
Revised Total Construction Cost	\$1,811,466.50	\$1,843,348.31
10.0% Construction Contingency	\$181,146.65	\$184,334.83
Design Fees *(Already Committed)	\$108,050.00	\$109,951.68
Contract Administration fees *(Already committed)	\$58,800.00	\$59,529.60
<b>Total Estimated Cost of Work</b>		<b>\$2,197,164.42</b>
<b>Total Budget Project 20-OI-18</b>		<b>\$2,231,450.00</b>
<b>Net Budget Surplus</b>		<b>\$34,285.58</b>

Staff also noted in Report OI-2020-0022 that any increase in expenditures associated with the construction of the permanent washrooms or other park amenities could be funded from development charges. However, funding the additional costs using Development Charge reserves or long-term debt financed by Development Charges will reduce the funding available for future parks, since the development charges collectable are capped based on historic service levels. There may be a need to supplement future growth related park construction using tax levy funded reserves.

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Attachment 1: Comments Received

## List of all Comments Received through the Survey

Please note, Town Staff provided minor edits for spelling, and removing profanity in these responses.

- A park would be great, but I don't think the additional (high) costs/expenses are necessary
- Similar, to Watson Park (attend this park) only has 1 porta potty. Rarely used.
- Sutton needs this badly. It would be great if you could have a skate park similar to that found in Uxbridge
- Having access to a washroom is essential for parents and children alike. With the park being 1-3 kilometers from the majority of residences as stated, a public facility needs to be inviting, with proper amenities available for its users.
- I don't believe it is the tax payers best interest to put a public washroom at this park.
- Stop wasting tax dollars
- Make it accessible!! Cushioned ground for wheelchairs and walkers, swings to fit all needs!
- Make sure any plantings are native and butterfly/bee friendly
- The addition of permanent washrooms is a ridiculous expense. The park is located inside a subdivision. The only user group of that park can just walk home and use their own washrooms. The fact that the survey was even needed shows you the utter lack of any sort of understanding of priorities based on fiscal limitations. How many hours have the Town staff wasted just entertaining this?
- I don't think any water area should be allowed to be constructed without permanent bathrooms
- This is something that needs to be considered for long term, short term portapotty type units seem like a short term solution to a long term for issue
- Additional parking and traffic control measures to reduce traffic and speed on surrounding subdivision streets. Increased traffic to the subdivision means excess speed and vehicles travelling through especially on John Link. I know additional traffic calming measures have already been approved for John Link, but additional measures should be looked at and considered for surrounds streets. As John Link is not a through street to the park, this will force cars into Lampkin as a way to access the park. Also, I would like to suggest a four way stop at John Link and Lampkin due to the increase in traffic.
- Maintenance of the park and trails and other public land in the area is very important to us. A clean and well maintained park will be of great value to the community.

- As someone with IBS having access to public washrooms is much appreciated and I think there should be more at more parks. As someone that travels to Richmond Hill to work, I need to know at what exits washrooms are available and if they close like the one at Gormley Go Station
- Concerned about parking and the added traffic through the subdivision.
- Please consider a curfew and prohibit off road vehicles. Currently this area is highly used by four wheelers and dirt bikes.
- Sufficient parking and safe access for visitors (is traffic control, speed reduction measures)
- Why is the town even considering a washroom at this park? The people who will be using it can go back to their own homes to use a washroom. It's not a lake front park or a high use park. I think whichever councillor is pushing this washroom needs to seriously re-evaluate their priorities and maybe think about how our tax dollars are spent.
- I feel that the park is long overdue. After living here since 2012 I have seen the existing park become more and more crowded. With that said, I've also noticed kids running behind trees or the hillside at the existing park to relieve themselves in the absence of washroom. With the new park being at the back, this will happen more often. The other side of this is definitely the concern for what will happen to those washrooms in the after hours. Will they be locked after a certain time of the day? How will they be maintained or cleaned? I am not sure there is an alternative option as porta potties would definitely not be an acceptable solution to a long term problem.
- Baseball diamond would be more ideal as there is only one diamond in Sutton
- Changing area in washroom / building due to the splash pad feature. Traffic control/ speeding is already an issue. Ensure adequate parking spacing (including AODA compliance) - so vehicles do not line the streets. We need measures like speed bumps and "community safety zoning" (i.e., increased fines). Consider seasonal leasing of self-contained lavatory. Surveillance / camera monitoring will be vital - make sure it is included day 1.
- Porta-potties also need to be cleaned and disinfected. They will also require some level of security and will need to be installed in the spring and removed in the Fall. It is about quality of life. Funds are available now through Development Charges. Don't need to wait for additional funding to become available. It won't!
- My children have many friends that live in that community, I'm looking forward to the park being built.
- I live on Timberbank Square and concerned about the traffic and the speed of the traffic coming down John link. Instead of washrooms, could we invest the funds in speed bumps?



- There needs to be appropriate parking. The subdivision does not have any visitor parking and many people can't even fit their cars in the driveway. Without appropriate parking, this park is going to be a hazard to the subdivision.
- Port-a-potties are not sufficient or ideal for small kids. If there is a splash pad then there needs to be proper bathrooms
- What an asset it will be. Let's do it right
- Recycling and garbage bins.
- Would use the park if you have a splash! Always have to drive to the Keswick parks for the park/splash pads from Sutton
- Portable toilets aren't accessible for families with disabilities or diaper changes. A big community project such as this shouldn't have portable toilets, It would look like a lazy afterthought. The space will garner more respect from it's patrons if it looks respectable
- Planning for washrooms is a good idea however, only for future consideration. The use of Portable Toilets similar to what are currently located by the Civic Centre would be perfectly acceptable for now. Monitor the usage and then consider the next steps
- Although I'm very happy the subdivision in Sutton is getting a new park, we have nothing for kids to do in Virginia. Sutton has many parks within walking distance to the subdivision and also a fairly new park that was put in when the subdivision was built. I've lived in Virginia for 14 years and have seen no new infrastructure for our area. My kids have spent most of their childhood life with no outdoor activities within walking distance. Our property taxes are over \$4000 and over the time we've lived here have seen no improvements or new parks or splash pads. However this site is getting a new park already. It's frustrating as a property owner/taxpayer. Is there anything new coming to Virginia for us to look forward to?
- Invest some money into the fairgrounds subdivision.
- I'd prefer to keep operational costs down by spending less money on upkeep of washrooms
- Do not need a permanent washroom in a neighborhood park
- Don't burden residents with the costs of a permanent washroom.
- A permanent washroom is not required. It will be subject to vandalism and a haven for drug users to shelter. The ongoing cost should not be a burden of residents when it's a park near homes with functioning washrooms for family use.
- At this time, this is a very frivolous expense. We need to be fiscally responsible
- I just found out about this park and reading what it will include that it may this may that is really unacceptable for a 2 million dollar budget.
- A new park and splash pad sounds amazing to spend time with my children

- if the city can build a cost-effective washroom with low maintenance, then they should build the washroom
- Walking trails that are maintained in the winter
- A neighborhood park doesn't need a washroom. Stop the politics and get this built to honour Julia. Don't waste tax payers money
- Set everything up so it can be built (pipes/plumbing/grading etc.) in phase 2 if the project runs out of money. Otherwise if lots of cash left in project go ahead.
- People visit the park for short periods and for that reason permanent facilities are not required. The convenience does not outweigh the potential costs and opportunities for vandalism
- This is a local park and people can easily go home. The washrooms will be a disaster like ones in Bonnie park, not maintained and places for unwanted activities. Risks far out weigh any benefit to the few people who may need them. Shouldn't be considered at this time, wait to see usage and needs once park is built and being used.
- I think offering a skating rink without washrooms is a recipe for disaster. We either spend town money upfront on washrooms or spend it on the backend dealing with public urination and nuisance issues. Also, when will our town stop thinking of public washroom facilities as luxuries and instead recognize them as essential services to ensure equal access for everyone -- seniors, children and those with disabilities or conditions that make it impossible to consider outings where washrooms are not available? Lastly, it seems particularly silly to be considering building a park with all these great amenities and just skipping a washroom during a pandemic. Have we learned nothing about the importance of hygiene (and access to hygiene?) during this time?
- just build the park, we don't need permanent washrooms
- No politicians name should be on anything that the public pays for.
- Covered shade areas will be key to enjoying the park on hot summer days.
- Splash pads, fitness equipment, permanent washrooms
- I think as long as permanent washrooms are a possibility for the future, I think its best to hold off until the budget affords it. Most other splash pads have an outhouse, which is fine for the hour or 2 you're there. I am also slightly skewed as I live right across the street, so bathrooms are close for me anyway. Also, we currently have a problem with young adults and those from the youth shelter breaking into vehicles. Will a permanent washroom provide them a private place to partake in drug use or drinking? If so, what sort of dangerous items might be left behind that our children could be in contact with? Unless there could be some sort of timed locking mechanism, where the bathrooms lock at a certain time in the evening?

- Every park or playground needs washrooms. From the wee ones toilet training to the older citizens we would all benefit
- Public washrooms are important because most others are confined to the lake shore facilities. The proximity to the northern terminus of the Zephyr Rail Trail combined with available parking may encourage more cycling tourism - great for local business
- I am excited to see this park finally begin it's build. I was involved in getting the slide added to Wyndham Park as I have very young children and there wasn't much for them to do there. I see the Julia Munro Park as being something the little ones can use more. As such, washrooms would be crucial for young families. Potty training, or simply young children that still can't be unattended when using the facilities, and porta potties don't mix. There is too much touching on unhygienic surfaces when you have to take your toddler to the washroom in a porta potty. Please consider making them part of the initial build of the park. Thanks for your time.
- Disturbing that the only option to comment on is the public washrooms. I am strongly in favour of having permanent washrooms. However, I am strongly opposed to including adult exercise facilities. Georgina already has many options for adult fitness. Therefore, I would choose "Option 3" - to eliminate those facilities.
- As a tax payer I simply cannot afford additional costs of maintaining a permanent washroom facility.
- Besides the facilities at the ROC, I'm not aware of any other parks with permanent bathrooms (beaches, and near Pefferlaw library excluded). It's directly attached to a subdivision, so there is no need for more than a porta potty set up at this time. It's wonderful to have permanent bathrooms, but they have to be maintained properly which can be costly.
- I assume this park is for residents not tourists, people who live locally can go and use their own washrooms
- Let's get it built soon
- A public washroom is not necessary. We live around the corner
- We have not one but two pandemics affecting our society's ability to function normally: COVID, and opioids. Establishing a permanent building would require cleaning, maintenance, and will still undoubtedly become a high traffic area with the potential to spread germs, and of course, a nice warm spot for addicts to take their drugs in the winter. I think it's irresponsible at this point to consider establishing amenities of this sort right now. In the future it's a great topic to discuss but right now we should be focusing on having hand sanitizer and garbage cans available, and enforcing social distancing. This isn't going to go away any time soon, if we don't accept it we will pay the price in human lives.

- If one park gets permanent washrooms all should. There are better locations that need a permanent washroom. Why not port o potties there?
- How is the increase of traffic on John Link being addressed? Also, it is already a speed track that has to be slowed.
- Why does this park get washrooms and will future new and old parks be getting washrooms?
- I don't think that there is a need for permanent public restrooms at this park. Most users will be local or drive in so they can return home for restrooms. If the misuse of public restrooms in existing parks has taught us anything it is that they are abused, tagged, littered, and left a disgusting mess. The cost of maintaining will be 2 to 3 times any budget allotted. Portable toilets will be fine
- We're very glad that a park with these facilities is being build in Sutton
- Who will control parking? Who will control cleaning of grounds? Who will maintain porta potties as permanent washrooms too expensive to clean, maintain and upkeep. Just look at entrance of subdivision, horrible to view. Town can't even maintain tree planting and upkeep of Bledsoe. Who will control crowds, rowdiness and parking and trespassing on personal neighbouring properties? Who will maintain opening and closure of park?
- A park in subdivision with all those amenities for all Georgia not a good idea. Should only be for local usage. As of now area is being misused as ATVs and other bikes are misusing area. John St. Can't handle all traffic now with only one exit in and out of area, how will you control traffic congestion.
- The town would be wise to look at neighboring communities of similar scale and budget and recognize that bathrooms are not a wise financial investment for the majority of parks. Viable solutions also include installing as little high maintenance amenities as possible. If families are bankrupted by the town's fiscal irresponsibility in building this park then there will be no one to enjoy it. The town also needs to ensure that more communities in the area have access to parks as many are in disarray.
- I find it hilarious that the town is wringing its hands over the ongoing cost of maintaining bathrooms but throws hundreds of thousands of dollars on consultations and plans that add nothing to the town. Penny wise, pound foolish, as my grandmother might say
- Washrooms improve park usability, but might have to be closed after hours for security and to reduce vandalism.
- Failing to provide washrooms in a public gathering space will simply lead to loss of enjoyment for many, and urination in bushes and shrubs tending to be unsanitary and problematic for children. Many people, especially seniors and less robust, health-wise, will be excluded from enjoying the space and spending quality time with their families if the are left out due to lack of facilities.

- Until its full needs and services are implemented, it would be more cost efficient to contract portapotties that will serve the needs of the people using the park. They have served well for all of the large numbers of people who have been using the numerous sports parks at the Civic Center
- The playground should have swings and slides suitable for young children
- Permanent washrooms are nice, but not necessary. They are a luxury that require a constant influx of money for upkeep. I travel around Ontario with my kids for soccer and it is very rare that the park we are at has permanent washrooms.
- Have walking trail be the entire perimeter of the area- including the pond and park
- Stop building new xxxx in Sutton. The tourists overwhelm and ruin the city during the summer causing traffic jams, littering, taking up spaces in public places that should go to residents. Who pay great amounts of tax to enjoy the privilege of living up here but never get to use the amenities because tourists come and ruin
- Any newly constructed large park that has a splash pad and sports fields that I have attended with my family (incl 3 young children) in the last few years has had a permanent washroom. It would be a huge deterrent for a young family if there was no permanent washroom available. I know I would take my family who lives in Keswick to Newmarket/Bradford/Aurora instead of Sutton if there was no option for a washroom other than a port-o-potty. Also, there is no question regarding demographics on this survey. Of course you are going to receive responses from many Georgina residents who don't have a young family, who feel washrooms are a waste of money and not necessary. This is going to completely skew the survey results. Especially with the way this survey was prefaced.
- Stop putting parks directly beside drainage ponds! You're all idiots to do so. Thinking that parks beside drainage ponds is healthy for the people or wildlife that are in proximity to these ponds is delusional. As to aesthetic qualities it makes the entire park look ugly. Stop leveraging development fees for parks!
- Fully finished and painted tennis courts should be in the design of the park as tennis is a growing, lifetime and inclusive sport.
- There is no need for permanent bathroom facilities, it's just an extra expense that tax payers shouldn't be burdened with given the current situation
- Is the Town of Georgina prepared to handle the mass influx of outsiders coming to spend a day away from Toronto and elsewhere and utilize the park like they do along Lake Drive E and Lake Drive W? I don't have any confidence that you do. Why cause problems when you don't have to and the expense to maintain this park will be astronomical.
- Stay within budget!

- Portable toilets are disgusting they stink get tipped over and I would rather urinate in the bushes then step inside one
- Ongoing costs of Maintenance, Cleaning, Security etc. for the permanent washroom facilities is too much. Temporary porta-potties are unsightly and not required for a facility who's prime users live within a 1-3km radius. Any expense associated with temporary or permanent washroom facilities is unwarranted and unnecessary
- Please do not waste more money in bathrooms and then additions costs of maintaining of those bathrooms. Waste of money, will just attract out of town guests to a small, quiet subdivision when the beaches are full or closed. I also would have concerns about the use of the bathrooms at night if opened. The bathrooms will create problems. Those using the park from 1 to 3 km away can go home to their own facilities.
- Hopefully the park will include an area or apparatuses for those with special needs. Items could include:-a sensory play station. Some items could include different textures, sound/music (ex. steel drum, xylophone, bells, hydraulophone [musical instrument that uses water to create sound], wind chime (metal or wood) -something for those in wheelchairs could use (ex. wheelchair swing) -something for kids (and adults) to learn basic sign language to help communicate to those with hearing loss
- Without permanent toilets the park's use will be limited to the subdivision.
- 2.1 million for a park is a little crazy how about fixing other parks in Georgina instead
- With plans of a splash pad and park for children, it's extremely necessary to have bathrooms for changing clothes and diapers. Having portable washroom facilities will not be sufficient in the needs of people caring for children, they are not spacious for a parent or guardian to enter with a child nor a proper place for children to dress or change their attire. Those who also use assisted decidedly would not be able to use a portable. Please consider placing spacious amenities for our children and physically challenged users. It is extremely important and would most likely cost more in the long run if you cheap out from the start. It is worth the money to do it right in the first place. Thank you for the opportunity to speak out on this survey.
- I'm hoping there might be an additional entry point at some point from outside of the Lakeside Meadows neighbourhood
- Building these kind of facilities in a subdivision often means the residents of the subdivision claim propriety and can create a very unwelcoming culture for other out-of-the-subdivision community members. Also if you live in the subdivision you don't need washrooms but if you don't live in the subdivision you need washrooms.
- Thank you for this wonderful tribute to Julia Munro. I was fortunate to teach with Julia at Dr. Denison S.S. before she entered politics. She was a woman of vision and integrity. Although I did not share many of her political convictions, I had tremendous respect for her. We have seen, during this time of COVID, that when there are no washrooms, people don't have many qualms about where they do their business. To avoid health

and safety issues, and out of deference to the neighbours to the park, I think they are a requirement. I wonder about using some of the park space for an outdoor classroom. This could be used by the 4 schools in town, and potentially might allow for a partnership with the school boards. Outdoor classrooms existed before COVID, but their usefulness has been magnified over the past several months

- Homeless individuals historically have taken up temporary residency in the forest and youth from the Sutton youth shelter frequently loiter throughout the trail system between Lakeside Meadows subdivision and Dalton Road. The addition of a structure or washroom with close proximity to Dalton Road may produce an increase in vagrancy within the area. I have attended the ROC and observed the permanent structures and parks and found they are often not highly trafficked and serve no purpose year round. I do not feel as if the addition of any permanent structures are necessary not cost effective.
- Any permanent or portable washrooms should be placed at the back of the park so as to not be an eyesore from the street. Portable washrooms would need to be serviced on a regular basis to minimize garbage and odors.
- Installing the infrastructure for washroom facilities now is the most cost efficient. Digging it up in the future to have permanent washrooms is not prudent.
- Having a fully adult accessible washroom with all touchless features is a must. It is ever so important as the awesome features in the design of this park such as courts, exercise equipment along the extensive trail system and ice pad, will draw many community members even from outside the direct community area for prolonged visits and they will require washrooms in all 4 seasons that will serve the community and remove an undesirable (port-a-potties) element, that detracts from extended visits.
- Washrooms are a nice amenity but not essential to the operation of the park. If the park is being built to serve the community within 1- 3 km's it is not unreasonable for people to go home to go to the washroom. Washrooms require regular maintenance, regular cleaning and are prone to vandalism. Additional dollars would have to be added to yearly operating budgets so I would rather see available budget dollars spent on making the park a dynamic, safe and family friendly activity center for the community
- I feel like the upkeep of washrooms is not only expensive, but even trying to stay on top of the cleaning that would be necessary, could be a nightmare. I am in favour of permanent full service washrooms that have a very restricted schedule for when they are open. We could perhaps provide open air cabana type structures with small benches if we just need a bathing suit change or a place to sit and put on hockey or skating gear. We could wait and see after some time how badly actual full service washrooms are needed. The only thing worse than no washrooms are disgusting washrooms. How have the port-a-potties at West Park done?

- Strongly against soccer fields and washrooms being put in our subdivision. Unwanted traffic, cost and people taking advantage of the facilities. Also there are already plenty of soccer fields at the ROC, 5 minutes down the road. Seems unnecessary.
- Please don't have any washrooms, given the current pandemic, and the population of people living in shelters nearby, I think it's going to be a nightmare to maintain given its hard enough to have the grass cut. There's no reason for washrooms or people to have extended time spent that they can't use the washrooms at their home.
- I work for one of the qualified contractors that bid the job. It's concerning that you put the job to tender so late in the year, when most landscape contractors already had a full schedule. If you had put the job to tender early in the year, you would have received a much lower price that would have likely fit into the budget (incl. the washroom). Prices always get higher the later you tender them, and now COVID has added an additional cost factor in order to complete the park in time. All of the other towns and cities we work with tendered all of their significant projects at the beginning of the year. As a taxpayer, it's incredibly frustrating to know that the town could have saved significant money. It doesn't make sense to delay installation of the washroom buildings. You'll find a significant increase in cost by the time you actually determine that you need a washroom building at a large community park.
- Regarding the washroom facilities, I think a port-a-potty would be a nice addition to consider. A permanent structure is above and beyond what is needed, and generally in public parks they seem to get dirty quickly. I'm not sure how prohibitive the cost would be for a semi-permanent solution like a port-a-potty, but if it's not outrageous it would be useful.
- washrooms need to be put in at Holmes Pt before they are put in the park and my taxes better not go up to help pay for a park I will never ever, ever step foot in
- Permanent washrooms in a subdivision park is ridiculous. The majority of people visiting the park will likely be from the neighborhood and they can go home and use their own washrooms.
- Either you have the permanent washrooms or nothing at all.
- More slow down kids signs and speed bumps are needed as cars are speeding in the area and this will cause a flow of traffic when kids play around the area ,,I believe slow down kid signs and speed bumps are more important then washrooms,,
- The park should wait another year or two. There are vacant buildings on Dalton, High St, Lake Rd and Metro that should be addressed before a park with a splash pad. If this is how the town proceeds with businesses, dismantle and dissolve the Sutton BIA. Evidently they are a waste of time and a cash grab.
- In the future if we could look at getting a park in the Port Bolster area that would be amazing! A lot of children here and no where for them to play.



- It's not worth the cost to put a permanent washroom.
- If they get a bathroom in a residential park. I want a bathroom in my park.
- I feel permanent washrooms are an important feature in any of our parks but daily cleaned porta potties would suffice in the interim until the permanent structure is more affordable...it is important to stay on budget.
- Bathrooms are important because it will deter people from relieving themselves outside on the trails or otherwise. A picnic area should also be on the list of future additions