



**The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie**

C O U N C I L R E P O R T

March 23, 2026

TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council
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DEPARTMENT: Community Development and Enterprise Services
RE: Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation Donation – Kiwanis
Park Playground Equipment 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval to enter into a donation agreement with the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation in support of a playground equipment purchase.

Background

Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore initially approached the City in 2021 to support enhancing the playground equipment at Rosedale Park with a donation of \$20,000. The playground revitalization was in alignment with the club's goal of promoting youth activity at this location. At the time, Rosedale Park was identified a priority for revitalization due high population surrounding the park.

This donation led to further donations by the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore, the Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation, Kiwanis Club of Sault Ste. Marie, Mayor's Youth Advisory Council and a community campaign. In addition, Kiwanis Club(s) prepared grants to raise additional funds for the development.

On April 7, 2025, Council passed the request to rename Rosedale Park to Kiwanis Park to recognize their significant contribution to revitalization of the playground.

Analysis

Kiwanis Club of Lakeshore Foundation has approached the City again to expand the park at this location to develop new play area. The Club has selected six standalone pieces of equipment that would be installed on rubber surfacing. The play area would be connected to the existing play zones with a pathway.

The total project budget is \$135,000 which includes the purchase of equipment, installation, rubber surfacing and pathways. Kiwanis has committed to a donation of \$135,000. To support the project, City staff have applied for a Kaltire grant to assist with the purchase of rubber surfacing. In the event that the grant application is successful, this will reduce the amount of funds needed from the Kiwanis Club

of Lakeshore Foundation. In addition, the Club has also submitted a grant application.

Staff are recommending receipt of funds in alignment with the City's donation policy.

Financial Implications

Receiving the donation in the amount of \$135,000 will not impact to the operating budget for 2026.

There would not be any additional operating expenses incurred if there is a new play structure added to Kiwanis Park. City staff currently inspect and repair the existing play structures at that site.

Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact

This matter is linked to the Corporate Strategic Plan

Focus Area 4: Service Delivery – Community Partnerships – Build collaborative relationships to enhance service delivery options.

Focus Area 2: Quality of Life – Maintain an affordable community with exceptional four-season recreational opportunities - Invest in recreational infrastructure

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

The relevant By-law 2026-31 is listed under item 12 of the Agenda and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

Respectfully submitted,

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