SUBJECT: Improvements to Soccer Fields at Lake Avenue School (ECS07026) (Ward 5)

RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That funding, in the amount of $2,700, be provided through the Ward 5 Red Hill Recreation Reserve account, for the soccer field improvement project at Lake Avenue School.

(b) That the outstanding item “M” be removed from the Outstanding Business list for the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

Joe-Anne Priel
General Manager,
Community Services Department

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On January 10, 2007, Hamilton City Council, received a petition, regarding improvements to soccer fields at Lake Avenue School.

Robert Maudsley, the Vice Principal of Lake Avenue School, asked if the City of Hamilton would consider installing one set of goal posts (two posts) on the school board property.
BACKGROUND:

At the meeting of January 10, 2007, Hamilton City Council considered the petition from Lake Avenue School dated December 4, 2006, regarding improvements to soccer fields at Lake Avenue School. Council received this petition and referred it to the General Manager of the Community Services Department for an Information Report to the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

Staff contacted Robert Maudsley, the Vice Principal of Lake Avenue School, to clarify what improvements to the soccer fields were being requested. Mr. Maudsley asked if the City of Hamilton, having the experience and expertise, would consider installing one set of goal posts (two posts) on the school board property.

The Parks and Cemeteries Section of the Operations and Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department provided a cost estimate of $2,700 to have the posts manufactured and installed at the school. Councillor Collins spoke with Ingrid Goertz, the Principal of Lake Avenue School, and District Superintendent Tennessee Propedco, and offered to pay for the manufacturing and installation of the goal posts from the remaining funds in the Ward 5 Red Hill Recreation Reserve. The Parks and Cemeteries Section of the Operations and Maintenance Division will install the goal posts as soon as they are manufactured.

The Information Report was to move forward to the Council meeting of May 16, 2007, but was withdrawn due to staff receiving additional information that would affect the report. Staff were advised to bring the revised report forward at another meeting.

ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:

The Community Services Department received a petition from the staff and students at Lake Avenue School asking for improvements to their existing field space. They were specifically asking the City to supply and install two goal posts on their existing field.

Parks staff met with the Ward Councillor and the Principal at Lake Avenue School. As there were sufficient funds left in the Red Hill Recreation Reserve account, Councillor Collins suggested the cost of the goal posts be charged to that account.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:

That the request for the installation of the goal posts be denied and the school be informed of that decision.
FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Financial:

Funding, in the amount of $2,700, will be provided through the Ward 5 Red Hill Recreation Reserve account.

Staffing:

There are no staffing implications to Report ECS07026.

Legal:

There are no legal implications to Report ECS07026.

POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:

None.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION:

Scott Stewart, General Manager, Public Works Department.

Brian Shynal, Director of Operations and Maintenance Division, Public Works Department.

Al Dore, Manager of Parks and Cemeteries, Operations and Maintenance Division, Public Works Department.

Karen Leslie, Business Administrator - Culture & Recreation, Corporate Services Department, Budgets and Finance Division.

CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:

By evaluating the “Triple Bottom Line”, (community, environment, economic implications) we can make choices that create value across all three bottom lines, moving us closer to our vision for a sustainable community, and Provincial interests.

Community Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No
Participation in community life is accessible to all Hamiltonians.

Environmental Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No
Human health and safety are protected.
Economic Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No
Investment in Hamilton is enhanced and supported.

Does the option you are recommending create value across all three bottom lines? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Do the options you are recommending make Hamilton a City of choice for high performance public servants? ☐ Yes ☑ No