

Information Report

Title: Victoria Park Bandshell Update

Report Number: Parks & Facilities-2025-51

Director: Community Services

Manager: Parks & Facilities

Meeting Date:

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Executive Summary:

At the September 10, 2025, Council meeting, Council approved staff to proceed with the inclusion of stage concept # 2 in the 2026 capital plan for construction. As part of the 2026 Capital submission, staff will ensure that the stage is adequately sized to accommodate existing users and fits within the allocated space. Costs for size options will be available as part of the budget discussions.

Context and Background Information:

At the September 10th Council meeting staff presented 3 bandshell concepts for the replacement of the Gazebo at Victoria Park. These options were presented as a result of direction Council gave to staff in late 2024 to replace the pavilion with a functional stage.

Council has since directed staff to proceed with including concept design 2 in the 2026 Capital budget submission for construction in 2026. Following this direction, there has been concern raised in the public and amongst user groups that the square footage included with concept design 2 would not be sufficient for the current use of the park, and that it is smaller than the square footage of the existing gazebo.

While it was not mentioned in the initial report, the bandshell sizing is completely customizable and as part of the 2026 capital budget deliberations, staff will be prepared to offer costed sizing options for consideration. The sizing included in the initial report reflects the “off the shelf” sizing available from the manufacturer that will impact the least amount of Victoria park’s tree canopy. Consequently, increasing the size of the bandshell to mimic the size of the existing gazebo will impact the scale of tree removal that will be necessary to facilitate the bandshell’s construction (see attached mapping for reference). The impact to the tree canopy and an arborist’s assessment of the trees that will need to be removed for construction will also be included in the capital submission for the sizing of the final bandshell.

Victoria Park Proposed Bandshell



Bandshell # 2 at 1,200 sq ft (similar to the existing Gazebo)

Consultation Overview:

Based on the Motion from Council, no consultation for size of the gazebo has been sourced.

Origin:

Moved by Mayor Craig

Seconded by Councilor Stewart

Resolution “That Council direct staff to decommission the gazebo and present drawing for a new performance stage in the Victoria Park for completion in 2026.

September 10, 2025, Council Meeting:

Moved by Councilor Cavanagh

Seconded by Amanda Steinhoff-Gray

Resolution “That Council approve concept design #2 for the purposes of a performance area at Victoria Park.

Attachments: None

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