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Subject: Ainslie Hill – Phase 1, Park and Playground Update

To: Mayor and Council

From: Bob Ferguson, Manager of Parks Development and Operations

Date: April 2, 2025

Briefing:

During the 2024 Budget Deliberations, Business Case No. 24-CI-CS-04 was submitted by the Community Services Department for the “Ainslie Hill Park and Trail Development”. In the renderings attached to the business case that Council received; the park included a cantilever lookout feature. After further review from Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority, this feature was removed as it fell within the flood plains and proper permits could not be obtained. To move forward and to not delay this development, Staff would like to brief Council on the following updates:

1. The cantilever lookout feature has been removed. The lookout plaza near Black River has been expanded. The new design includes a large pergola structure, additional bench seating, and interpretive signage highlighting Black River.
2. Phase 1, Ainslie Hill Park and Trail Development design has been altered to include a variety of additional features that fall within the current project scope including an enhanced AODA compliant playground, a variety of outdoor fitness equipment and an increased shade structure for gathering.
3. The park trail connections are realigned and will connect to the rail trails within Georgina and connecting to our neighboring communities. Three additional seating nodes have been incorporated along the trail along with interpretive signage.
4. The previously approved committed project cost for Business Case No. 24-CI-CS-04 remains the same.

Staff are satisfied with the redesigned Ainslie Hill Park and Trail Development design that will be completed by Ballymore Homes. The development of this park is planned for Q3, 2025 and will be a much-needed asset to the community.