



Committee of the Whole Excerpts
November 12, 2025

COMMUNITY SPLASH PAD EXCERPT

For several years, residents have expressed a desire for a splash pad in West Hants. During the 2025/2026 budget deliberations, the item was removed from the budget. Currently, Hantsport has a dated splash pad operated by HMCC. While appreciated, there was a need for a modern splash pad in a central location for West Hants residents. Such a facility would provide an affordable way to cool off, foster social opportunities, and enhance the municipality's recreational offerings.

The recommended motion was that Committee of the Whole recommends ...

COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO REPORT BACK AT THE DECEMBER COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ON THE APPROXIMATE COST OF INSTALLING A SPLASH PAD WITHIN THE WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY, POTENTIAL LOCATIONS, VENDORS, AND FUNDING POSSIBILITIES FOR COUNCILS' CONSIDERATION FOR THE 2026/2027 BUDGET.



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Information ☐	Recommendation ☐	Decision Request ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: West Hants Regional Municipality Council

Submitted by: Mayor Abraham Zebian

Date: November 12, 2025

Subject: Community Splash Pad

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

...Council direct staff to report back at the December Committee of the Whole meeting on the approximate cost of installing a splash pad within the West Hants Regional Municipality, potential locations, vendors, and funding possibilities for councils consideration for the 2026/2027 budget.

BACKGROUND

Over the past number of years, the community has been expressing a desire to have a splash pad in West Hants. During the 2025/2026 budget deliberation discussions, council removed the item from the budget with some councillors articulating varying questions on the item.

Property ☐	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☐	Social ☐	Economic ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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DISCUSSION

As chair of council, I have been busy articulating councils' decisions on the many decisions it makes. One of those decisions that keeps being referenced by residents throughout the entire

municipality is the lack of a new splash pad in West Hants. Currently, one exists in Hantsport and is operated by the HMCC. The splash pad is fairly dated with a concrete base and basic water feature. While it's appreciated to have the asset in Hantsport, I believe there is a need for a new and modern splash pad in a central location that the residents of West Hants can enjoy. It would provide an economical alternative for those who wish to cool off during the hot summer months, opportunities to socialize, and add to the great recreational offerings West Hants has.

NEXT STEPS

If the recommendation is passed, staff would report back at the COTW meeting in December.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None associated with this report but future decisions could have financial impacts.

ALTERNATIVES

Council can decide not to approve the recommendation.

Council can give alternative direction.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

Staff await the position of Council on the matter. Preliminary discussions have occurred at the staff level regarding such a project and will assist in the return of the report if requested by the December COTW.

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