

**To: David Creery, Chief Administrative Officer**

**From: Brian Connors, Director of Parks & Recreation**

**Re: Pavilion Donation**

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**AIM**

To seek Council’s authorization to use sponsorship funds to construct two Pavilions. One located on the Northshore of Pittock Conservation Area and one on the South Shore.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Woodstock now has responsibility for capital improvements to Pittock Conservation Area via the UTRCA/ City agreement that opens this area up to the public. On the Northshore of Pittock Conservation Area there was a single pavilion. However, this pavilion was in such poor condition last year it was deemed structurally unsound, and the public were not able to use it.

The Northshore of the Pittock Conservation Area has grown in popularity since fees to get into the park were removed. Evenings and weekends in the spring and summer have grown particularly popular. The James Leslie family has provided generous sponsorship to the Park and trail system in this area. These donations have assisted with parking and washroom redevelopment on the Southshore of Pittock as well as the improvements needed to allow for pedestrian access across the platform of the dam.

**COMMENTS**

James Leslie and family have generously provided further funding of \$500,000 to build two pavilions. UTRCA has already approved this project which will allow more people to enjoy this property for longer periods of time. In the 2024 Capital Budget, Council approved funding for a single pavilion to replace the closed pavilion in the amount of \$230,000. Construction of two pavilions is estimated to cost \$500,000 as the south shore pavilion is not a replacement. The James Leslie and family donation will cover not only the public expenditure of a single pavilion but will provide funds for a second pavilion which will allow for greater use of the Park.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Woodstock City Council approves the allocation of a James Leslie and Family donation of \$500,000 to build two Park Pavilions, one on the Northshore and one on the Southshore of Pittock Park.

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