



REPORT

Council

Meeting Date: October 11, 2022

FROM: Parks and Open Space Department

DATE: October 4, 2022

SUBJECT: Update Fishing Restrictions

WARD: Town-wide

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the report from the Parks and Open Space department dated October 4, 2022, be received.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- At the Council meeting on August 9, 2022 an update report on fishing restrictions was presented to Council. At that meeting the item was referred back to staff for further public consultation and staff directed to provide another report to Council at the October 11, 2022 Council Meeting.
- Through this report staff is advising Council a further update report has not been completed due to focus on other corporate projects.
- Staff commit to return to Council with a further update report on fishing restrictions in Q1 2023.

BACKGROUND:

At the Council Meeting on August 9, 2022, the following resolution was approved;

1. That the report "Update Fishing Restrictions" be referred back to staff for further investigation and consideration of comments received by staff and Council.
2. That staff report back at the October 11, 2022 Council meeting.

This report provides Council an update on that resolution.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

Since receiving that direction from Council staff have been very focused on several corporate priorities and have not had an opportunity to undertake further investigation and discussion regarding potential amendments to the report presented to Council on August 9. This includes the recently approved Parks Plan 2031, Policy and Procedures, Parkland Dedication By-law, as well as preparing the 2023 operating and capital budget have been a priority.

Staff are committed to undertaking further investigation and dialogue on fishing restrictions. Not only further discussion is required with stakeholders, but Municipal Enforcement Services and Conservation Halton.

Staff propose to report back to Council in Q1 2023 on the issue. The delegation who appeared before Council on August 9, 2022 has been advised of the delay in the report coming back to Council.

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

The resident who delegated before Council on August 9, 2022 has been advised of the delay.

(B) FINANCIAL

N/A

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

Any changes to fishing restrictions will involve discussion with Municipal Enforcement Services and potentially Conservation Halton.

(D) CORPORATE STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal(s) to:

- Undertake community engagement, livability for all residents

(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION

Climate change is influencing more and more migratory fish species to waters off Oakville. Changes to the fishing season enhances this recreational activity.

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