






Subject: **Braconnier Picnic Shelter**
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024
 Prepared By: Fallon Sherlock, Acting Manager of Parks & Ag Services
 Presented By: Fallon Sherlock, Acting Manager of Parks & Ag Services

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council move to replace the Braconnier Campground Picnic Shelter in 2025 and for administration to include a detailed project plan in the 2025 budget for approval.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- N/A
 Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- N/A

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Braconnier campground was bought from the Province in 1995 for \$1 and includes a picnic shelter, outhouse, and 8 un-serviced camp sites along with a caveat of access for campers onto the adjacent private land to the dam for recreational walks by the water. Campers and day use visitors utilize the picnic shelter for small group events and meals. 2023 saw 102 overnight stays at this site.



Early in 2024, while assessing the condition of the Braconnier Campground Picnic Shelter, staff found significant dry rot in the foundation of the structure. This has severely compromised the structural integrity of the structure and staff have had to close access to the facility. Because of the safety concerns with the shelter staff will remove the structure prior to the start of the 2024 camping season. The concrete pad appears to be sound and may be able to be left in place.



DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

A rough estimate to construct a shelter of similar style to the one at Horseshoe Canyon on the existing concrete pad would be approximately \$30,000. Construction of a new shelter could provide the opportunity to allow for the rental of it to groups for secured accessibility. As replacement of this structure was not included in the 2024 budget there would need to be additional funds approved by Council for its replacement in 2024. Construction of a new shelter could be postponed until 2025 allowing for more informed planning and budgeting but would leave visitors without the service of this facility for the 2024 season. As this facility is not monitored for its volume of use currently, the impact of its unavailability for 2024 is unknown but is not expected to be significant.



FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

- Removal of the old structure is expected to take **3-5 internal staff 3-5 days** and requires disposing of the materials in an appropriate landfill likely requiring **tipping fees** that will be absorbed into the existing parks operating budget.
- Construction of a new structure could be done by internal staff taking 2-3 weeks and requiring rescheduling of other projects and services or through a contractor for an undetermined amount. Materials for the new structure are estimated at \$30,000.

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)			
Tools:	Public Notification	Other:	

ATTACHMENTS:

None

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Council may choose to replace the Braconnier Campground Picnic Shelter in 2025 and for administration to include a detailed project plan in the 2025 budget for approval.
2. Council may choose to replace the Braconnier Campground Picnic Shelter in 2024 with funds from the capital reserve and for administration to bring back a detailed project plan/cost estimate for approval.
3. Council may choose not to replace the Braconnier Campground Picnic Shelter.
4. Council may requests administration to bring back further information.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

NA



APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-

Kevin Gannon, Director of Community Services

Approved-

