



**Grand River Conservation Authority  
Addendum - General Meeting**

Friday, October 27, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Auditorium

Grand River Conservation Authority  
400 Clyde Road, Box 729  
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**Report number:** GM-10-17-114

**Date:** October 27, 2017

**To:** Members of the Grand River Conservation Authority

**Subject:** Chaplin YMCA Licence Agreement

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority supports a request from the Chaplin Family YMCA to construct a children's play area on a 0.06 hectare portion of Dumfries Conservation Area;

AND THAT GRCA enters into a license agreement with the Chaplin YMCA for the use of the area for YMCA programs.

## **Summary:**

Not applicable.

## **Report:**

The Chaplin (Cambridge) YMCA approached the GRCA in June 2017 requesting that the YMCA be granted a licence agreement to utilize a portion of Dumfries Conservation Area adjacent to the Chaplin YMCA for a shaded play area for children's programming, and that they be permitted to install sun shelters, picnic tables and fencing for the development of the play area.

The proposed programming area is 26.3 metres by 21.7 metres (approximately 0.06 hectares). The area is proposed to be fenced with 0.91 metre high chain link fencing and a 1.2 metre swing gate to control the entry to the programming area. Inside the play area, two pavilions are proposed, each 13 metres by 4.2 metres. The pavilions will be placed over a woodchip base and the area will be graded for positive drainage.

The existing site is currently part of Dumfries Conservation Area. The area will require the removal of trees and debris for the installation of the programming area. Staff have visited the site and reviewed the drawings, and have no concerns with the work that is being proposed. It is proposed that the YMCA's use will be non-exclusive, and that the area will also be available for GRCA programs. In addition, the YMCA has agreed to assist GRCA by constructing a kiosk at the entrance to the existing trail, which is adjacent to the play area. The programming area is shown on the attached map.

Because this is a licence agreement and is for non-exclusive use, there is no interest in the property being granted to the YMCA, therefore approval of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is not required.

## **Financial implications:**

A licence agreement between the Chaplin YMCA will be required. All legal expenses for the licence agreement will be the responsibility of the YMCA.

**Other department considerations:**

The Finance, Conservation Areas, Planning and Natural Heritage Departments have been consulted with respect to the proposed change of use and licence agreement. A permit for the proposed work has been granted under GRCA's Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation.

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# Map 1 – Proposed Chaplin YMCA Licence Agreement Area

