



Township of North Kawartha

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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management
Date: September 21, 2026
Subject: Apsley & District Lions Club Memorandum of Understanding

Recommendation:

That Council authorize the Township of North Kawartha to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Apsley & District Lions Club for the use and maintenance of Lions Park, located at 335 McFadden Road, Apsley, Ontario, with the agreement to take effect January 1, 2027.

Background:

The Apsley & District Lions Club owns and operates Lions Park, located at 335 McFadden Road in Apsley. The park is situated directly across from the North Kawartha Community Centre and serves as a primary venue for a variety of outdoor Township Parks and Recreation programs, including youth and adult sports activities.

Analysis:

Due to its close proximity to the North Kawartha Community Centre and its significant role in supporting municipal recreation programming, Lions Park has been routinely utilized by the Township's Parks and Recreation Department for adult and youth baseball and soccer programs. As a result, the Township has undertaken regular maintenance activities at the park for several years to ensure the facility remains safe, accessible, and maintained at a standard that supports organized recreational use.

To facilitate efficient operations and maintain a consistent level of service, Lions Park has been incorporated into the Department's regular park maintenance schedule. Routine maintenance activities performed by Township staff include:

- Grass cutting and trimming;
- Emptying garbage and recycling receptacles;



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- Dragging and grooming baseball diamonds;
- Applying field markings for games and organized activities; and
- General upkeep required to support recreational programming.

The Township's maintenance responsibilities do not include playground inspections, repairs, or playground maintenance, which remain outside the scope of this arrangement.

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding formalizes the long-standing collaborative relationship between the Township of North Kawartha and the Apsley & District Lions Club. The agreement clearly defines the responsibilities of each party regarding the use, operation, and maintenance of Lions Park and will help ensure the continued availability of this important recreational asset for residents and user groups. Detailed terms and responsibilities are outlined in the attached Memorandum of Understanding.

Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial implications associated with entering into this Memorandum of Understanding. The maintenance activities identified within the agreement are currently being performed by Township staff and are accommodated within existing departmental operating resources.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Governance

1. Provide Quality Community Programs and Services.
2. Provide effective, clear and transparent Township Communication.

Consultant(s) Sourced:

Apsley & District Lions Club

Attachment:

Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of North Kawartha and the Apsley and District Lions Club for the use and maintenance of the Lions Park.