

Overview:

During these extraordinary times, the Township must maintain clean and sanitary facilities to ensure the health and well-being of the public and employees. Reducing frequently touched surfaces can help protect from COVID-19.

As we enter restrooms we are touching door handles, sink faucets, toilet handles, soap dispensers, and trash receptacles. COVID-19 can stay active on surfaces, so we should avoid touch points in shared spaces when possible.

To prevent the spread of germs, it is beneficial for the Township to consider retrofitting their facilities and converting conventional commode fixtures to automatic-flush toilets and motion-sensor faucets.

In total 34 toilets, 7 urinals, and 26 faucets would need to be replaced in the Douro Community Centre, Rec Centre, and the Warsaw Community Centre at a cost of approximately \$40,000.

Staff has taken a comprehensive review of the capital works-in-progress and with the objective of identifying any capital projects that could be deferred to accommodate this additional expense, not previously budgeted for.

Recommendation of deferral of the rubber flooring in the Douro Community Centre would help alleviate financial costs, while improving public facilities no-touch alternatives and addressing COVID-19 concerns.

Conclusion:

Now, more than ever before, reducing touch point surfaces are at the forefront of limiting the spread of germs in public restrooms. It is in the Municipalities best interest to enforce hygiene measures, including no touch controls, and in turn, help the public to feel safer in the wake of COVID-19.

Recommendation:

That the Recreation Facilities-2020-09 report, dated August 4, 2020 regarding Public Facility Improvements be received and that Council approves retrofitting the washroom facilities with automatic flushers and faucets at the Community Centres, and directs Staff on financing the upgrade.

Financial Impact:

This would impact the budget of approximately \$40,000.

Strategic Plan Applicability:

Sustainability Plan Applicability:

