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**To:** Council  
**From:** Peter Young, Director of Planning/Building  
**Date of Meeting:** January 27, 2021  
**Subject:** Accept Waterfront Master Plan

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**Recommendation:**

That Council accepts the final report of the Waterfront Master Plan, prepared by The MBTW Group and Sierra Planning and Management and dated January 21, 2021.

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**Executive Summary:**

The MBTW Group and Sierra Planning and Management commenced working on a new Waterfront Plan in June 2019. The purpose of this project was to prepare a long-term plan for waterfront lands in the municipality that could be used for potential partnerships, land purchases, and funding opportunities with the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, United Counties, Ontario Power Generation and other waterfront landowners. The final document includes five major projects: waterfront parks in Ingleside and Long Sault; an enhanced Lakeview Park; a new park on Hoople Bay; and expansion of the waterfront trail. Associated business plans for each of the major projects are being finalized.

At the special joint meeting of Council and the Waterfront Development Committee on December 9, 2020, Sierra Planning and Management presented the draft version of the Master Plan to Council. Following the presentation was a final public consultation opportunity, and changes from the comments received have been incorporated into the final document.

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**Background:**

The timeline of the project was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the need to adjust the methods of public consultation and update presentations to Council.

The Waterfront Plan was developed in conjunction with an updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Waterfront development amenities are a large part of the recommendations for future park development and could have large impacts on the operations of the Parks and Recreation Department.

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**Options:**

1. That Council accepts the final report of the Waterfront Master Plan, prepared by The MBTW Group and Sierra Planning and Management and dated January 21, 2021. This is the recommended option.
2. Other.

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**Financial Impact:**

The final cost for the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is within the approved budget of \$60,000.

The Waterfront Master Plan and associated business cases are being used to continue discussions with the St. Lawrence Parks Commission regarding potential property purchases and joint projects. A master plan document is often required for many of the Federal, Provincial, and private grants that are offered to municipalities for the development and maintenance of recreation assets.

The 2020 budget included \$50,000 towards creating a Waterfront Reserve that would be used for these types of projects.

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**Risk and Asset Management Considerations:**

The Waterfront Master Plan will potentially be used to develop new and renewed assets, along with incorporating new projects into the Township's long-term operational and capital planning.

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**Others Consulted:**

Waterfront Development Committee  
Township Council  
Township Staff  
St. Lawrence Parks Commission  
Local Stakeholders and Agencies  
Members of the Public