

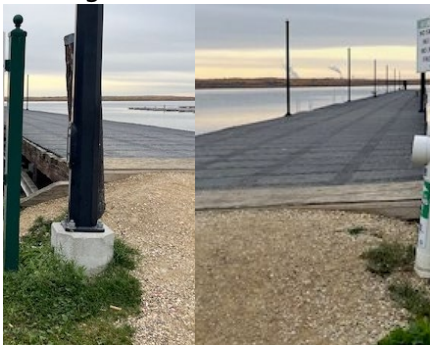
Topic: Wabamun Pier

Introduction:

Wabamun's Waterfront is currently being revitalized. The pier at waterfront park is showing signs of wear and tear and some deck boards are rotting. We are requesting up to \$280,000 to revitalize the pier to be funded from County Facilities Restricted Surplus.

Background Information:

Parkland County assumed responsibility for the Wabamun Pier asset following the dissolution of the Village of Wabamun. In 2024 an assessment was completed by ISL and the pier was determined to be structurally sound, however some sections of the decking were identified as being soft. A visual inspection of sections not covered by the matting shows deterioration of the boards. The existing decking on the pier is estimated to be around 50 years old. In 2015 the Village of Wabamun replaced some of the rotting surface boards and installed the rubber matting.

**Analysis:**

Parkland County has reviewed the assessment and is recommending that the pier be revitalized in conjunction with the ongoing work at Waterfront Park area. The entire deck would be removed and replaced with new planks, the approach to the pier would be repaired and cleaned up to make it more accessible and the damaged bumpers along the pier would be repaired.

The pier currently does not have a railing or curbing installed. An increase in fall risk was identified due to the lower lake levels, in some locations the height from pier to water surface is greater than 6 feet. A railing and curb will be installed along the perimeter of the pier and ladder access points will be maintained.

Alternatives:

1. Post-pone the revitalization to a future year.
2. Not add curbing and railing, reduce funding request by \$55,000
3. Repair the approach to the pier only, reduce funding request by \$240,000

Conclusion/Summary:

Parkland County is investing in the revitalisation of Wabamun's waterfront area and revitalizing the pier would ensure that this asset is maintained as a Parkland County gem for years to come. By completing all the required work in 2025 we can achieve cost savings with construction efficiencies.

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