



Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management
Date: June 5, 2026
Subject: Memorial Bench Donation for Chandos Beach

Recommendation:

That the Township of North Kawartha hereby approves the acceptance of a donated memorial bench to be installed on the Chandos Beach property by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Background:

In the past, the Township has accepted the donations of a picnic table and a bench for public use on Township property. The donated bench or picnic table usually has an affixed plaque or engraving that recognizes or is in honour of the donor.

Analysis:

The Parks and Recreation Department has been approached by the close friends and family of former seasonal residents of North Kawartha. The couple, who built a cottage on Chandos Lake in the 1970s, spent much of their time there and held a special connection to Chandos Beach.

In their memory, the family and friends wish to donate a bench for public use at Chandos Beach. The memorial bench will feature an engraving recognizing the couple.

The donors have selected a bench from the same supplier that has previously provided benches and picnic tables for the Township. They will cover the cost of the bench and arrange for its delivery to the North Kawartha Community Centre. Parks and Recreation staff will then install the bench in the grassy area at Chandos Beach and secure it to the ground to deter theft.



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The donors acknowledge and understand that the Township will not be responsible for any theft or vandalism of the bench.

Before proceeding, we are seeking Council approval and further direction if required.

Financial Implications:

Two hours of staff time including travel to install the memorial bench.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Governance

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

Environment

2. Protect the Human Environment.

Consultant(s) Sourced:

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Attachment:

None