

Kiwanis club to build pavilion at Pearson Park

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The Kiwanis Club of St. Catharines has decided that rather than building washrooms and changerooms at Pearson Park, it makes more sense to spend their fundraising dollars on a picnic pavilion instead.

That is because of city plans to build a new pool. Club vice president Jack McKiernan said the money they have raised, \$55,000, would be better spent on a shaded meeting area where parents can watch their kids on the playground and splash pad.

"I think this would be a real addition to the park itself," he told councillors Monday night.

With the aquatic centre going in, there will already be washrooms and changerooms available for use by park visitors, he added.

The estimated cost for the pavilion is \$110,000.

The city had already allocated \$152,000 in its capital budget for a separate washroom and changeroom facility prior to the decision to go ahead with the aquatic centre.

Instead, the city will use \$55,000 for the pavilion, with the remaining \$97,000 being available to construct washrooms in the aquatic centre that are accessible from the outside for park users.

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