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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management
Date: May 11, 2026
Subject: Budget Reallocation – Toro 21” Commercial Push Mower

Recommendation:

The Township of North Kawartha reallocate \$1,966.18 included in the Parks and Recreation capital equipment budget for a new Toro 6000 series zero-turn lawnmower, to a new Toro 21” heavy-duty commercial push lawnmower.

Background:

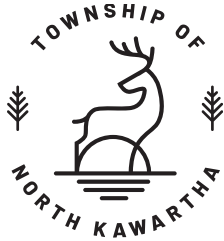
The Township of North Kawartha included \$26,000. in the Parks and Recreation 2026 capital equipment budget for the purchase of a new Toro Z-Master 6000 series zero-turn mower with 60” deck.

As a note, although a new push lawnmower was not included in the 2026 Parks and Recreation budget, there is budget allotment of \$2,800. for new landscaping equipment needed in the Waste Dept. budget for the transfer stations. As an example, this includes new leaf blower, mower, string trimmer, and Yard-Boss power sweep.

Analysis:

Through obtaining quotations for a competitive pricing exercise, the new Toro Z-Master 6000 was purchased for \$2,612. under budget.

And when obtaining quotes on the Toro heavy-duty commercial 21” push mower with Kohler motor and variable speed to replace the Parks and Recreation current push lawnmower, we received a competitive bid of \$1,966.18. This mower has rugged commercial grade components, and it has exceptional mulching capabilities, as we do not bag our cut grass.



The current Parks and Recreation Cub-Cadet push mower will then be transferred to the Waste Dept. for the Transfer Stations. And the heavy-duty commercial Toro 21” push mower will be more suitable for the Parks and Recreation daily needs.

In summary;

- Both departments will have more suitable and far superior push mowers for their operations in 2026.
- This will ensure the Waste Dept. can purchase the other equipment needed for the Transfer Stations within the allotted budget, including battery powered blower.
- We will have replaced both our zero-turn mower and push mower within the Parks and Recreation Dept. and still be \$645.82 under the allotted 2026 budget.

Financial Implications:

2026 Toro zero-turn mower budget:	\$26,000.00
2026 Toro zero-turn mower and push mower cost:	<u>\$25,314.88</u>
Net:	<u>\$ 645.82 (under budget)</u>

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Infrastructure

1. Ensure that the existing infrastructure is sustained reflective of the Asset Management Plan.

Governance

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

Environment

1. Promote Responsible Environmental Stewardship.

Consultant(s) Sourced:

Judy Everett, Treasurer

Attachment:

None