

## Staff Report

**To:** Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council  
**Report From:** Kyle Williams, Community Services and Operations Manager  
**Meeting Date:** April 13, 2026  
**Subject:** Rotary Cove Arches

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### **Recommendation:**

That Goderich Town Council approve the demolition of the Rotary Cove Arches in the amount of \$25,000;

And That the demolition be funded from the Waterfront Reserve Fund.

### **Report Summary:**

Due to the condition of the Rotary Cove Arches and the operational need to address the structure before the peak summer season, staff are bringing forward this report for Council's consideration regarding the removal of the arches and potential next steps.

Staff began discussions with the Rotary Club of Goderich to determine whether the organization would have interest in contributing funding should Council wish to proceed with a future rebuild of the arches. Staff and representatives of the Rotary Club had a positive and collaborative discussion, during which the Rotary Club expressed strong interest in contributing funding if the Town of Goderich ultimately decides to reconstruct the arches.

As part of those discussions, staff and Rotary representatives agreed that the arches should be dismantled before the busy summer season begins in order to address safety, operational, and site-use considerations. It was also agreed that, where feasible, materials should be retained and refurbished for possible future reuse in order to reduce costs and preserve elements of the existing structure while allowing time for Council to determine whether the arches should be rebuilt.

### **Background and Analysis:**

At this time, staff have received preliminary budget estimates of \$25,000 plus HST for the removal of the arches. This estimate provides Council with an initial understanding of the anticipated cost to dismantle the structure and secure the site. Should Council wish to consider reconstruction at a later date, staff can return with further information regarding scope, design considerations, funding contributions, and overall project costs.

From an operational perspective, proceeding with dismantling now would allow the Town to address the concern in a timely manner while preserving Council's ability to make a future

decision regarding reconstruction. This approach balances site management, public use, cost control, and the opportunity for continued collaboration with the Rotary Club of Goderich.

**Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan (Choose all that apply):**

- No. 1 Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- No. 2 Welcoming and Caring Community
- No. 3 Strong Local Economy
- No. 4 Good Government
- No. 5 Environmental Stewardship

**Linkage to Asset Management Plan:**

This staff report is related to the following within the Town's Asset Management Program (Choose one):

- Road Network
- Water Network
- Sanitary Network
- Storm Network
- Fleet
- Facilities
- Land Improvements
- Machinery and Equipment

And directly impacts (Choose all that apply):

- State of Good Repair/Replacement
- Municipal Levels of Service
- Risk Management
- Growth Impacts
- Financial Strategy

**Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:**

Is this cost budgeted for? Yes:  No:

Budget: \$0

Actual: \$25,000 + HST

Difference: \$25,000 + HST

Proposed funding source for unbudgeted costs: Waterfront Reserve Fund

**Consulted With:**

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**Approved By:**

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