

# Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee – Minutes

**2E - Community Room A** 

City Hall

13450 - 104 Avenue

Surrey, BC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020

Time: 5:34 p.m. File: 0540-20

#### **Present:**

Councillor Guerra – Chairperson Councillor Annis Councillor Elford Councillor Patton

B. Burnside

C. Girardi

#### **Regrets:**

G. Tymoschuk, School Trustee

S. Drysdale

#### **Staff Present:**

L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture

L. Davison, Manager of Culture

C. Gain, Arena Operations Manager

T. Neufeld, Park Development Service Manager H. Norris, Park Facility Operations Manager

L. White, Manager, Community & Recreation Services

L. Anderson, Legislative Services

Before the start of the meeting the Chair requested that the agenda be varied to include two ontable reports provided by the Manager of Culture entitled "Hunt Creek Bridge Creative Side Panels/Railing Design Project" and "2020 Public Art Street Banners" as items E.5. and E.6 under New Business.

It was

Moved by B. Burnside Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee amend the February 19, 2020 meeting agenda to include two on-table reports provided by the Manager of Culture entitled "Hunt Creek Bridge Creative Side Panels/Railing Design Project" and "2020 Public Art Street Banners" as items E.5. and E.6 under New Business.

#### Carried

#### A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by Councillor Patton

That the minutes of the Parks, Recreation

and Culture Committee meeting of January 22, 2020, be adopted.

Carried

#### B. DELEGATIONS

#### 1. Chuck Westgard, Surrey Eagles Hockey

Chuck Westgard, Surrey Eagles Hockey, was in attendance to provide a presentation of the Surrey Eagles Junior A Hockey (Eagles) operation.

A PowerPoint presentation was given, providing an overview of accomplishments, challenges and future vision for the Eagles in Surrey.

The following comments were made:

- The Eagles have a strong history 18 young men eventually played in the NHL in some form; embarking on their 30th season in 2020/21.
- Eagles Mission Developing young men, academics and hockey players by:
  - Strive to develop young men, on and off the ice, dedicated to a solid work ethic, team commitment and community involvement;
  - Aid players in reaching their academic potential and maintaining the highest of educational standards, in addition to pursuing the advancement of their hockey careers; and
  - Push players to the highest standard in order to reach their potential as a hockey player and to achieve a College Scholarship.
- Community involvement is heavily focussed on schools, a staple for the league; 21 schools were visited in 2019.
- Year over year operating loss has been between \$250K \$300k (\$2.7 M over past 10 years).
- With the 2019 lease done as a one-year lease status quo, now looking to secure long term commitment:
  - 2020 create a new five-year lease with the City that offers the Eagles an opportunity to reduce costs and create new revenues (e.g. Langley 10+ year lease no ice cost / Chilliwack 25 year lease building revenue parking/concessions).
  - 2025 show a minimal loss (or none at all) to re-negotiate another lease,
     with offering more spending forward to the City.
- As an organization that runs at a major deficit help and support is needed to continue to keep the team in the Community for our citizens to enjoy affordable entertainment and a contributor to local growth. There are three key components needed:
  - O Build on our current lease re-working the lease and financial commitment. As the years have passed, wanted to create new programs to create new revenue streams. Last year there were 320 hours for practice and game and 450 hours for extra programming, resulting in \$72,000 paid for the year (550 x \$57.86 p/hr and 215.75 x \$189.50 p/hr) compared to an average of \$36,000 prior years. Based on the current lease and last year's usage, a proposed lease for all Eagles daytime practice and game hours provided in addition to the 550 hours, and 550 hours used for extra programming to create more affordable programming for Surrey youth, would reduce overall cost by 50% (total 550 x \$57.86 p/hr.). Day time practice ice has an extremely low interest for the buyer often dead ice time.
  - Create more/new revenue options adding new and exciting opportunities in the South Surrey Arena premiere advertising and multi-purpose suites.
     We like to create temporary standing suites similar to those in Section H at the South Surrey Arena. Creating suites at the top of sections J and L would offer four suites while taking out seating in the top two rows of these sections (not used other than Eagles home games). Suites could be also used for other events and programming held at the arena (e.g. figure

- skating competitions/shows). All the successful franchises in the BCHL have suites and this is a huge portion of their generated revenue.
- Increase local awareness Eagles game an inexpensive option for family entertainment. City help could provide access and opportunity in promoting the games to the local community:
  - Video boards access to promote Eagles home games on all video boards/advertising;
  - Advertise in City rinks access and opportunity to put up posters through out the year to promote upcoming games monthly; and
  - Newsletters provide Eagles schedule to City's communication department to help promote games.

The Committee expressed their appreciation to the delegation for the presentation and a brief discussion ensued with respect to fundraising opportunities. The delegation noted the following:

- The ask for the suites is for the business community builds relationships and would be sold out. Everything is already available to provide suites; the seats and the concrete are there, etc. A commitment of 10 years is possible if the suites were available to sell.
- Always seeking fundraising opportunities; \$75,000 raised through a golf tournament with some donation to children's charity. We also looked at a foundation, but it limits what is what can be done.
- Worked hard to achieve attendance with reasonable ticket prices: Adult \$15/Children \$5. Attendance has increased from 250 initially to 600 currently, with a capacity for 1200, there is only a small margin to gain but looking at options to minimize. There have been games with attendance of 800 900, and there has been one sell out this year with all 1200 seats. Also offered tickets to all the schools visited which is a loss of revenue but provides for an increased interest and new fans that may not have experienced hockey otherwise. Not wanting to price anyone out of the rink has always been something that is accessible to everyone.

The Committee suggested that staff provide an updated report in response to the information given and support being sought by the delegation. The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, advised that staff will connect with the delegation to fully understand the scope of their request and provide a report back to the Committee that includes recommendations before the next season and any potential options available.

#### C. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Tara Roberts, Manager of Support Services & Accessibility

Tara Roberts, Manager of Support Services & Accessibility, was in attendance to provide a presentation on accessibility and inclusion.

A PowerPoint presentation was given, providing an overview of the building blocks taken to achieve a successful accessibility and inclusion plan for Surrey. A few key points were noted as follows:

- Surrey has been working hard towards achieving the big audacious goal to be the most inclusive city in Canada and setting a gold standard in building strong, healthy and connected communities.
- Most inclusive and accessible, providing services and programs so that
  everyone has the chance to discover, explore and grow, through innovative
  programs and services that ensure equal opportunity, inspire participation,
  create social connections and foster life-long learning.
- Within the Surrey Leisure Guide are the most adaptive sport and inclusive programs in Canada; providing long term athletic development, offering adaptive sports and support to try other sports, for all ages.
- Partnerships help provide accessible and inclusive recreation/adapted sport (e.g. Canucks Autism Network, SportAbility, BC Wheelchair Sports).
- Volunteer opportunities are offered with many volunteers being brought back into the programs as instructors.
- Surrey has the highest number of youths with autism. Worked with the Vancouver Parks Board to produce an Autism awareness video on how to integrate and recognize signs of Autism; the video was for training purposes, but the concept is very inclusive.
- Have been successful in leveraging sport accessibility funding opportunities for sports programs (goalball, CAN hockey tournament, Para ice hockey).
- First in Canada to have sensory friendly spaces (picture symbols, noise cancelling headphones, etc.) inclusive for people with disability. Initially in Grandview aquatic, now offered at all City recreation centres.

#### 2. Kelsey MacInnes, Sport Tourism & Sponsorship Coordinator

Kelsey MacInnes, Sport Tourism & Sponsorship Coordinator, was in attendance to provide a presentation on the Draft Sport Surrey Strategy ("Strategy").

A PowerPoint presentation was given, providing a brief overview of the Strategy and the anticipated sport events for 2020. The following was noted:

- Sport Surrey attracts, develops and supports a wide variety of world-class sporting events in Surrey.
- The Strategy will establish Surrey as a premier sport tourism destination in the pacific northwest and Canada.
- Sport hosting strategy: working closely with community partners; actively seeking bidding opportunities; supporting bid organizers; advocating for sport facilities; and tracking and evaluating results and benefits.
- With 60 sporting facilities, including five recreation centres Gold certified for accessibility, Surrey has hosted 166 sporting events since 2017.

- Sport hosting key initiatives: targeted marketing; engagement with local and provincial sport groups and attracting shoulder season sports.
- The sport calendar is building momentum:
  - Recently hosted the Wickenheiser Female World Hockey Festival ("WickFest") - 100+ teams, 1,250+ athletes, 1,000+ room nights and \$3.5 million economic impact; an awesome experience, attracting lots of media attention.
  - O SX International Cup already an estimated 1,000+ room nights, four host venues supporting 400+ teams and 8,000+ participants.
- A Sport Surrey grant, totalling \$50,000 throughout the year, provides financial support to sporting events that have the potential to bring direct or indirect economic and community benefits to the City of Surrey.
- Continue to build presence through online marketing making a point to photograph events, a variety of action shots, diversity, etc. for Sport Surrey website, social media and synergies with the City.

A brief discussion ensued with respect to the limited number of hotel rooms available for attracting some sport events to Surrey, noting that many are lost to other municipalities that have the required accommodation (e.g. two beds in each room). Staff reported, in an effort to address the accommodation challenge, there is an increased focus on attracting events in the shoulder season and concentrating on building on the relationship with the hotels, critical for the overall success of the program. It was suggested that accommodation at universities (student housing) during the summer months could be considered.

#### 3. Liane Davison, Manager of Culture

Liane Davison, Manager of Culture, provided an update on Private Development Public Art projects and the Civic Public Art program for the 2020 Civic Art Banners.

A brief PowerPoint presentation was given, and the following was reported:

- Rize Development The Parks and Gardens Development, as reported
  previously to the Committee, will not be proceeding with a public art project
  at this time as it is contemplating converting to a commercial and rental
  building instead.
- Lark Group City Centre 3 has completed their preliminary public art review and is proceeding with the shortlisted artists and their recommended artwork concept. The initiative has been reviewed and supported by several stakeholders in development. The artwork by Crystal Przbille will be imbedded within the landscaping, similar to City Centre 2. Part of their review includes a feng shui assessment.
- The artwork concept is up to eight individual bronze sculptures inspired by the theme of health, nature, technology, transformation and growth symbolized by cells, seeds and the foundation of nuclei found in physics, biology, anatomy and astronomy.

- 2020 Public Art Street Banners Responding to the theme "love where you live", Nigerian artist (and recent immigrant), Ejiwa 'Edge' Ebenebe's design reflects Surrey residents' value of nature with a heart-shaped view of the city framed in Red Osier Dogwood and Red Columbine flowers and trees. The design, a unanimous recommendation after reviewing 218 concept proposals, contributes a positive visual experience to brighten someone's day, help them dream, or spark their imagination, whether on a stroll into work or driving home. The banners will be fabricated and installed at the same time as the Town Centre street banners.
- Hunt Creek Bridge The bridge provides pedestrian and bike access to Bear Creek Elementary and King George Boulevard. Qualified Surrey artists were specifically targeted for this project and residents that live along the bridge site were invited to comment on the design proposal of Debbie Tupah, as unanimously recommended from the 23 design proposals submitted.

  Ms. Tupah designs are intended to identify and celebrate the intertwined communities of people and livings things. Eight different images will be presented on a total of 12 panels that will form the facing of the bridge and be integrated into the physical construction of the bridge, meeting all the design guidelines for bridges.

#### D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

#### E. NEW BUSINESS

The agenda was varied to consider items E.5 and E.6 first.

5. Hunt Creek Bridge Creative Side Panels/Railing Design Project File No. 7800-01

The Manager of Culture submitted a report to provide information on the selected public art design for the Hunt Creek Bridge Creative Side Panels/Railing Design Project and to seek the Committee's recommendation to proceed with preparing a Corporate Report for Council approval.

It was

Moved by B. Burnside Seconded by Councillor Annis That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report from the Manager of Culture, dated February 19, 2020, entitled "Hunt Creek Bridge Creative Side Panels/Railing Design Project", as information.

**Carried** 

It was Moved by C. Girardi

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee request that the General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture prepare a Corporate Report for Council to authorize staff to undertake a contract and work with Surrey artist Debbie Westergaard Tuepah to complete a design for the creative railings for the public art opportunity for the Hunt Creek Bridge project as generally described in the report, dated February 19, 2020, entitled "Hunt Creek Bridge Creative Side Panels/Railing Design Project".

Carried

#### 6. 2020 Public Art Street Banners

File No. 7800-01

The Manager of Culture submitted a report to provide information on the selected design for the 2020 Public Art Street Banners and to seek the Committee's recommendation to proceed with preparing a Corporate Report for Council approval.

It was Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

#### Committee:

- 1. Receive the report from the Manager of Culture, dated February 19, 2020, entitled "2020 *Public Art Street Banners*", as information; and
- 2. Request that the General Manager of Parks, Recreation & Culture prepare a Corporate Report for Council to authorize staff to undertake a contract and work with Ejiwa 'Edge' Ebenebe to complete a design for the 2020 Public Art Street Banners Project for installation across Surrey as generally described in this report.

**Carried** 

#### 1. Edgewood Park - Concept Plan

File No. 6120-20/E

The Manager of Parks submitted a report to provide an overview of the Edgewood Park Concept Plan and to seek the Committee's recommendation to Council for adoption.

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture reviewed the report noting the park design responds well to what the community is seeking, not an intense sports design; looking at a flexible open lawn area for unorganized sports, designed to take active use and built to a level that will drain well, and a walking track and space for a potential community garden.

It was Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by Councillor Annis

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

#### Committee:

1. Receive the report from the Manager of Parks, dated February 10, 2020, entitled "*Edgewood Park - Concept Plan*", as information;

- 2. Recommend that Council adopt the Concept Plan for Edgewood Park (attached to the report as Appendix "I"); and
- 3. Attach a copy of the report to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

**Carried** 

#### 2. 2020 Sport Tourism Events Schedule

File No. 6980-01

The Manager of Support Services and Accessibility submitted a report providing the Committee with a schedule of events planed in 2020 for Sport Tourism.

It was Moved by Councillor Annis

Seconded by B. Burnside

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report from the Manager of Support Services and Accessibility, dated February 12, 2020, entitled "2020 Sport Tourism Event Schedule", as information.

Carried

#### 3. Cricket Facilities in Surrey - Update

File No. 6140-20

The Manager, Park Facility Operations submitted a report providing the Committee with an overview of the cricket facilities in Surrey.

Concerns were expressed with respect to unpermitted cricket use in parks, related safety issues and damage to grass and ball diamonds. Staff acknowledged the growing demand for cricket facilities, noting that construction of an additional field at Crescent Park is nearing completion and that an additional field and field house have also been included in the five-year capital budget (location to be identified) which should help with unscheduled play and pressures.

It was Moved by B. Burnside

Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report from the Manager, Park Facility Operations, dated February 10, 2020, entitled "Cricket Facilities in Surrey - Update", as information.:

Carried

## 4. Parks, Recreation & Culture's Registered and Drop-in Ice Programs Participation Trends

File No. 8200-30/s

The General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture submitted a report providing the Committee with information on the Parks, Recreation & Culture's registered and drop-in program enrolment and participation trends in the City's arenas.

Discussion ensued with respect to the program registration totals, noting a decrease in registration in 2019, particularly in North Surrey. Staff reported that the 2019 data for November 19 - December 31 is not fully represented as a result of the City-wide software move from the previous CLASS system to the PRCMS system. Additionally, while transitioning from the decommissioned North Surrey facility to the new facility some programs where not offered during that time, resulting in lower registration numbers for 2019 compared to previous years. It was further noted the addition of the extra sheet of ice has afforded the opportunity to increase drop-in programs and increased use overall.

It was

Moved by B. Burnside Seconded by Councillor Annis That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee receive the report from the General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, dated February 11, 2020, entitled "Parks, Recreation & Culture's Registered and Drop-in Ice Programs Participation Trends", as information.

Carried

- F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL
- G. CORRESPONDENCE
- H. INFORMATION ITEMS
- I. OTHER BUSINESS
  - 1. Verbal Update
    - L. Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture, provided the following update:
    - **Positive Feedback** received positive comments from a long-time user of the Guildford pool; the icy cold water at the Guilford is gone.
    - **Family Day Weekend** (February 15 17) Another successful Family Day was celebrated in all town centres with a variety of free events for the public.
    - Scheduled Maintenance Closure of South Surrey Indoor Pool and Guildford Aquatic Centre - South Surrey Indoor Pool will be closed for a

scheduled maintenance from April 14, 2020 to May 19, 2020 and the Guildford Recreation Centre - Aquatics from September 8, 2020 to October 14, 2020. The South Surrey closure will facilitate required maintenance of the pool, pool filtration and fitness centre systems. The entire facility will be closed during this time. The closure at the Guildford location will affect only the Aquatic area, all other services will remain open to the public. To minimize inconvenience, staff will inform all program participants of the closure and make aware of other recreation opportunities. Signage will be posted at the facilities and notice of the closures will be posted on the City website. All South Surrey Indoor Pool and Guildford Aquatic Centre passes will be extended and alternate facilities will enhance their program offerings to meet the anticipated increased usage.

- **Beat the Winter Blues** (February 1 29) Is a specific campaign to promote physical activity three times per week during the month of February. To encourage people to keep going and to help ensure they continue to be active, recreation incentives are offered to participants who visit three times in one week and twelve times in the month.
- **Surrey Steps Up** (March 6, 2020, 6 9 pm at City Hall) The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Surrey Steps Up Showcase will celebrate the positive impact youth have on the city, transforming schools and communities through good deeds, community projects, creating art and more.
- **SAFE Program Evaluator Identified** Dr. Chad Nilson has recently been contracted to evaluate the SAFE Program. To date there have been 156 cases processed.
- Gangs and Guns Symposium (February 13, 2020) Community Safety was among the other presenters at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Gangs and Guns Symposium hosted in Vancouver by Safer Schools Together. Co-presenting with the Director of BC's Office of Crime Reduction and Gang Outreach, CHART was highlighted to approximately 300 professionals spanning various sectors from both Canada and the United States. There is potential to have the broader SAFE Program highlighted at next year's symposium.
- **Artist Talk** (Feb. 19, 6:30–8 pm) Artist, Susan Point, will visit the Surrey Art Gallery to discuss the works in her travelling exhibition *Spindle Whorl*. The talk will be followed by a Q&A period.
- Family Sunday (Mar. 15, 11 3 pm) Drop in to enjoy, learn about, and make art with friends and family! Artist educators and volunteers will inspire you with art activities that explore the themes of the exhibition. Sculpt with clay, paint, and use printmaking to create and take home and made masterpieces. Search and find different works in the Gallery, participate in an interactive performance, and get creative in our sensory friendly space!
- Museum of Surrey Arctic Voices Feature Exhibit (March 5 June 28) Opening on March 5, 7 9 pm is the Arctic Voices exhibit from Science North/Canada Museum of Nature. Visitors are invited to explore the impact of the changing climate in the Arctic through the lenses of land, sea and ice. Visitors will discover the remarkable animals that live there, the resilient people that inhabit the region and the dedicated scientists revealing what makes the arctic so unique.

- Celtic Fest (March 7, 1 4 pm) One of the most popular annual events at Museum of Surrey. Celtic music and dancing provide entertainment and Celtic crafts are on hand for all to participate. Many Celtic partners from the region are involved. Anticipated attendance of up to 1500.
- Heritage Campus Celebration and Grand Opening (April 4, 12 3pm) This free event will celebrate the completion of the Heritage Campus including the opening of the newly restored heritage buildings; 1881 Town Hall and Anniedale School. The event will include the first public screening of two short documentaries about the heritage buildings, costumed interpreters and tours of the two heritage buildings. In addition, food trucks will be on site and crafts and activities available for children.
- **Surrey Civic Theatres** Continues its 2019-20 Surrey Spectacular series into February and March. Ticket sales continue to be strong, with subscriptions to the ever-popular Arts Club On Tour series at their highest level in almost 10 years.
- Soulsha: Afro-Celtic Funk Surrey Arts Centre Studio Theatre (February 22, 8:00 pm) Dance from around the world, Soulsha is a party, a revolution and an adventure through different traditions. It brings together some of Boston's top musicians in Scottish, West African and Funk music to create a sound that can't be found anywhere else.
- Performing arts courses for children, youth and adults (Ongoing)
- Acting for the Camera, Adults Acting Out, Drama Mindcraft, Really Uncoordinated Dancers, Imagination Creations, Creating a Character, Love to Sing Level 1&2
- **Surrey International Children's Festival** The Festival recently received a first time Canada Council grant in the full requested amount of \$17,850 to support programming initiatives for the very young at the 2020 event.

#### J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **April 22**, **2020** in **Meeting Room 2**E – **Community Room A**.

## K. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved by B. Burnside Seconded by C. Girardi

That the Parks, Recreation & Culture

Committee adjourn.

**Carried** 

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk Councillor Laurie Guerra

Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee

### PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION INDEX Wednesday, February 19, 2020

#### ONE RECOMMENDATION

#### 1. Edgewood Park - Concept Plan

File No. 6140-20/E

#### That Council:

- 1. Receive the report from the Manager of Parks, dated February 10, 2020, entitled "*Edgewood Park Concept Plan*" (attached as **Appendix 1**), as information; and
- 2. Adopt the Concept Plan for Edgewood Park (attached to the report as Appendix "I").



## INTER-OFFICE MEMO

**TO:** Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee

FROM: **Manager of Parks** 

DATE: **February 10, 2020** FILE: **6140-20/E** 

RE: Edgewood Park - Concept Plan

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation & Culture Department recommend that the Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee:

- 1. Receive this report as information;
- 2. Endorse the Concept Plan for Edgewood Park attached as Appendix "I" to this report and recommend adoption by Council; and
- 3. Attach a copy of this report to the minutes of the meeting for Council reference.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Edgewood Park is a 3.89-hectare (9.63-acre) park site in South Surrey's Grandview Heights neighbourhood, in the 2200 block between 165 and 166 Street. The park was the former location for Sunnyside Saddle Club, an equestrian riding facility on City land. Edgewood Park is intended to be developed into a neighbourhood park to meet the needs of the rapidly growing Sunnyside Heights Neighbourhood Concept Plan ("NCP") area. A park location map is attached to this report as Appendix "II".

Currently the park site is undeveloped with rough grass and clusters of native trees and shrubs. Much of the site is gently sloping towards the south and west. The west edge and northwest section have mounded topography.

To the east of the park, Edgewood Drive Elementary School is under construction with target occupancy for February 2021. As part of the school's NCP amendment, 166 Street, which currently separates the school from the park, will be closed off to vehicular traffic and a multi-use pathway will be built in its place to provide north-south connectivity for pedestrians and bicycles and to provide safe connectivity between the school grounds and park.

To the north, private land currently borders the park edge. In the future, 23 Avenue will be constructed, though this is contingent on the development of the private property. As such, there is no timeline set for the development of 23 Avenue.

#### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Public Engagement**

The Parks Division has completed thorough community engagement and consultation in the development of the proposed concept plan. The concept plan was refined through two public open houses followed by an onsite community meeting in February 2020 to finalize the overall park layout and proposed amenities.

In addition to Parks Division staff, representatives from City's Public Art and Heritage sections were present to engage residents on potential public art theme and location at Edgewood Park.

The open houses and most recent onsite meetings were well-attended. Attendees at the most recent onsite event expressed general support of the concept plan. There was particularly strong support for the proposed children play area that utilizes existing topography and the flexible lawn area for both passive and active use.

#### Park Concept Plan

The concept plan attached as Appendix "I" proposes a high-performance lawn area with mounded seating around the perimeter to allow for casual play and organized sport. At the northwest corner, play elements make use of the existing mounded topography to provide climbing and sliding opportunities. The current biodiversity corridor along east edge of the park will extend south and west along 22 Avenue to connect with the City's green infrastructure network. There will be a walking loop connecting amenities within the park. Additional amenities include a sport box and flexible lawn area that provide opportunities for active play such as basketball, roller hockey, and soccer. Seating areas with tables are planned to be provided next to the play area. A community garden is planned for construction in later phases. The area will be planted as lawn during phase one.

The overall site is serviced by street parking along 22 Avenue, 165 Street, and future 23 Avenue. The park will also include a small parking lot with capacity for 20 cars. During hours when the parking lot is under-utilized, the parking lot is designed to double as an informal sport court with basketball hoops. In addition, a single stall washroom building will be provided on site.

#### Construction Plan

Subject to adoption of the concept plan, phase one construction is planned to proceed in spring 2020 and will include construction of pathways, play area, and sport court and seeding of lawn areas and planting of the biodiversity corridor. The pathways, play area and sport court are planned to be open in fall 2020 while the lawn area will be seeded but remained fenced until spring 2021 to allow for grass establishment.

Future phase 2 includes the washroom and parking lot and is contingent on the development of 23 Avenue.

#### **SUMMARY**

Following thorough public consultation, the concept plan for Edgewood Park is complete and attached as Appendix "I". If supported, the first phase of construction will commence this spring with the future phase of construction planned when 23 Avenue is constructed.

Neal Aven

Manager of Parks

Appendix "I" – Edgewood Park Concept Plan Appendix "II" – Edgewood Park Location Map

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## **APPENDIX "I"**

## Edgewood Park Concept Plan -Feb 06, 2020

Concept Plan

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## **APPENDIX "II"**

## **Edgewood Park Location Map**

