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Meeting.....2012 Jun 25

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2012 June 21

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: BYLAW TO FUND EDMONDS PARK REDEVELOPMENT WORKS

PURPOSE: To request to bring forward a bylaw to appropriate \$1,400,000 from Capital Reserves to finance Edmonds Park redevelopment works.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a bylaw be brought down to appropriate \$1,400,000 (inclusive of 12% HST) from Capital Reserves to finance Edmonds Park redevelopment works.

REPORT

At its 'Open' Meeting of 2012 June 20, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission received the attached report and adopted the two recommendations contained therein.

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DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attachment

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: BYLAW TO FUND EDMONDS PARK REDEVELOPMENT WORKS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the expenditure of \$1,250,000 from the Provisional Capital Budget for the projects outlined in this report be approved.
2. **THAT** Council be requested to bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$1,400,000 (inclusive of 12% HST) from Capital Reserves to finance these projects.

REPORT

The Edmonds Park review was initiated due to a growing demand and changing demographics and population growth in the southeast quadrant of the City. The study included significant public input in terms of program development to determine the needs of a growing community and how the new facilities would relate to its context next to the new Edmonds Community Center. The outcome of the study is a redevelopment plan that can be described in two zones - the Heart and the Great Lawn.

Program Description

The Heart is designed to accept higher levels of pedestrian traffic as well as to accommodate the most heavily-used and largest recreational amenities. The Heart will provide an urban park character and will include a large pedestrian plaza next to the building. The multi-use plaza will feature informal gathering spaces, seating nodes and seating stairs below a shade pergola, a speaker's podium, accent paving, custom lighting and public art pieces.

The Heart also includes the transition from the paved plaza to the green lawn spaces of the park where a large district level playground is planned. The playground will be the centre piece of the green half of the Heart, and will be surrounded on all sides by flexible green space. A prominent waterplay zone will be located in close proximity to both the playground and the washroom/change room facility.

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REDEVELOPMENT WORKS

An outdoor gathering and performance space is planned adjacent to the playground and spray park. The performance space will be serviced with power to enable set up of temporary stage facilities for special events. A generous paved path system is planned to provide more walking circuits and direct links to the adjacent streets. The paths will be lined with park benches, ornamental lighting and drinking fountains

Beyond the Heart lies the Great Lawn where more passive uses will be situated, such as bocce, mini soccer and pick up games. A double tennis court, a multi-use court and half basketball courts will be situated on the northern edge of the Great Lawn. The Great Lawn will be defined by a wide, formal semi-circular path connecting Richmond Park to two points on Elwell Street.

The highest quality mature trees will be preserved. In addition, new trees will be planted throughout the park along the pathways and adjacent street edges.

The estimated budget for this work is outlined below:

Great Lawn restoration, drainage and trees	\$170,000
Utilities (water, power, drainage) for Heart of the park and spray park	130,000
Demolition of Lacrosse box, excavation, structural fill, top soil	180,000
Playground site with rubber surfacing, seating and shade components	490,000
Benches, seating areas and picnic tables	90,000
Basketball sport court	<u>190,000</u>
Total:	\$1,250,000

Construction Schedule

The first phase of reconstruction began along Elwell Street in 2011 with the installation of the semi-circular path around the Great Lawn, tennis courts and multi-play sports court. Work will continue in this zone and flow into the Heart of the park in 2012 and on. The lacrosse box will be removed, the underground services will be installed. The regrading, path work and play structure and spraypark will be installed in phases. Future phases of construction are contingent on coordination with the construction program of the new centre and plaza. Sufficient Capital Reserves are available to continue the work in the 2012 Annual Capital Budget. It is recommended that Council be requested to bring down a bylaw to appropriate \$1,400,000 (inclusive of 12% HST) from Capital Reserves to finance these projects.



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