

RECREATION FIELDHOUSE AND SOCIAL/CULTURAL CENTRE AT THE FISH CREEK – LACOMBE TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT STATION AREA – DEFERRAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council directed Administration to explore options for the development of a multi-purpose recreational fieldhouse and social/cultural centre at the Fish Creek – Lacombe Transit Oriented Development Station Area and to report back to the SPC on Community and Protective Services no later than 2013 December. To ensure that there is sufficient time to complete a feasibility analysis, including high level costing and policy alignment of development options, Administration is requesting a deferral of the report to 2014 May.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the SPC on Community & Protective Services recommends that Council approve Administration's request to defer the report on a Recreation Fieldhouse and Social/Cultural Centre at the Fish Creek – Lacombe Transit Oriented Development Station Area and report back to Council through the SPC on Community & Protective Services by 2014 May.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

On 2013 February 11, Council approved a Motion Arising with respect to Bylaws 23P2012, 51D2012, 52D2012, 53D2012 and 54D2012, that Administration, in consultation with the community, explore options for a multi-purpose recreational fieldhouse and social/cultural centre at the Fish Creek – Lacombe Transit Oriented Development Station Area and report back through the SPC on Community and Protective Services no later than 2013 December.

BACKGROUND

During Planning, Development & Assessment's Shawnee Slopes Update report (C2013-0053) to Council on 2013 February 11, the Shawnee Evergreen Community Association (SECA) proposed that "City Council impose a one year moratorium on rezoning a 3.73 hectare (9.22 acre) parcel of land within the proposed Shawnee Park development to allow for a SECA/Calgary Soccer Partnership to conduct a feasibility study and further explore purchase of the land from the developer to meet community recreational land needs through the development of a multi-purpose fieldhouse and community centre."

Council did not adopt SECA's proposal however a Motion Arising, moved by Councillor Colley-Urquhart, instructed Administration, in consultation with the community, to explore options for a multi-purpose recreational fieldhouse and social/cultural centre at the Fish Creek – Lacombe Transit Oriented Development Station Area (Attachment).

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

The Recreation and Land Use Planning & Policy Business Units have been working closely with the Office of Land Servicing & Housing to investigate the development of a multi-purpose recreational fieldhouse and social/cultural centre at the Fish Creek – Lacombe Transit Oriented Development Station Area that would be in keeping with:

- the investment and development principles/priorities for recreation facilities as identified in the Council approved Recreation Master Plan, 10 Year Sport Strategic Plan for Sport Facility Development and Enhancement, the Art Spaces Strategy and Capital Plan, and the Recreation Amenities Gap Analysis;

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- the Municipal Development Plan policies for Transit Oriented Development and Major Activity Centres; and
- a Community Planning and Design Workshop Summary for the Fish Creek – Lacombe Station Area that was developed in 2012 April, by Land Use Planning & Policy in conjunction with:
 - other City of Calgary business units, including Transportation Planning, Calgary Transit, Parks, Office of Land Servicing and Housing, Community and Neighbourhood Services, and Water Resources; and
 - local area stakeholders, residents and major institutions which included: Community Association board members from Shawnee-Evergreen, Millrise, Canyon Meadows and Midnapore; Fish Creek Provincial Park; and St Mary's University College.

Administration requires additional time to complete the above feasibility analysis, including high level costing and policy alignment of developing a multi-purpose recreational fieldhouse and social/cultural centre at the Fish Creek-Lacombe Transit Oriented Development Station Area. Following the feasibility analysis, Administration will return with a report by 2014 May to present the findings to Council for review and direction.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

Not applicable.

Strategic Alignment

Not applicable.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Not applicable.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

Not applicable.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

Not applicable.

Risk Assessment

There are no risks associated with this deferral.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

A deferral is requested on a report that explores options for the development of a Recreation Fieldhouse and Social/Cultural Centre at the Fish Creek – Lacombe Transit Oriented Development Station Area in order to ensure sufficient time to complete a feasibility analysis that includes high level costing and policy alignment.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Fish Creek – Lacombe Transit Oriented Development Station Area Map