

ENMAX LEGACY PARKS PROGRAM – QUARTERLY UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2013 May, Council approved the Legacy Parks Fund Steering Committee Terms of Reference which proposed quarterly meetings, at the call of the Chair (Mayor). In 2014 September, the 2015 Legacy Park Fund Steering Committee meeting dates were set for January 08, April 02, July 02 and October 22.

As requested at the 2015 January 08 Legacy Parks Fund Steering Committee meeting, this report presents Administration's preliminary agenda and itinerary for the July 02 and October 22 quarterly update meetings; and the final concept and status update for the Prairie Winds Park Design Development Plan.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Legacy Parks Fund Steering Committee:

1. Receive for information the preliminary agenda and itinerary for 2015 July 02 (Attachment 1) and 2015 October 22 (Attachment 2) meetings;
2. Receive for information the Prairie Winds Park Design Development Plan and status update (Attachment 3); and
3. Direct that the Legacy Parks Phase 3 Financial Update (Attachment 4) remain confidential pursuant to Sections 24(1) (a) and 25 (1) (c) of the *Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy Act* until the conclusion of the projects.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

On 2003 September 22, Council approved "The Legacy Parks Steering Committee mandate" as recommended in the Executive Report to Council, C2003-67 ENMAX Legacy Parks -Update.

At the 2012 November 20 meeting of the Legacy Parks Fund Steering Committee, the LPC2012-0808 Overview of Legacy Program – Legacy Parks Fund Steering Committee Terms of Reference was referred to Administration "to review the Legacy Parks Fund Steering Committee Terms of Reference, with a report back to Council no later than 2013 January".

On 2013 May 27 Council approved the Terms of Reference in LPC2013-0428 Proposed New ENMAX Legacy Parks Program Updates as outlined in corrected Attachment 1.

At the 2014 March 10 meeting of Council, LPC2014-0172 was approved as follows: Approve the proposed additional program criteria to include local community open spaces and approve proposed new projects as outlined in revised attachments.

At the 2014 November 03 and 04 meeting of Council, LPC2014-0823 Proposed Phase 3 ENMAX Legacy Parks Projects was approved.

BACKGROUND

Part of the ENMAX Legacy Parks Program funds the development of new regional parks in future growth corridors, including the land acquisition associated with the development of these parks. Previous major land acquisitions include: Ralph Klein Park, Haskayne Park, Bowmont East Gate (Klippert lands), as well as several smaller parcels in established communities. At the 2014 November 03 and 04 meeting of Council Enmax Legacy Parks Phase 3 projects were

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approved; including upgrades to existing regional parks, development of new regional parks and improving existing community parks in underserved areas of the city.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

In 2014, Council approved new terms of reference that proposed quarterly meetings at the call of the chair (Mayor). The following update is being provided for quarter two and outlines the proposed agendas for the next two quarterly updates scheduled for 2015 July 02 and 2015 October 22. In addition, a final concept and status update on Prairie Winds Park (Attachment 3), is being provided for information.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

Previous stakeholder engagement within The City, and more recently through the Area Structure Plan (ASP) process between The City and the County of Rockyview, has identified support for the Haskayne Park development.

Strategic Alignment

This report aligns with the 2015-2018 Action Plan and supports Council Outcomes:

- H5 (*protect and enhance our urban forest and natural landscape throughout Calgary*);
- H6 (*continue to build public awareness and understanding of our shared responsibility to conserve and protect the environment*); and
- H9 (*optimize the existing parks network to ensure Calgarians have access to nature and healthy and active lifestyles*).

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Social

Open space and park redevelopment will continue to support great park opportunities and experiences including both active and passive recreation for all Calgarians.

Environmental

Additional regional open space provides for more sustainable communities as density increases and assists in maintaining, or in some cases, enhancing bio-diversity. Enhanced biodiversity contributes to a healthy urban environment, in addition to providing carbon offset and mitigation of pollution associated with the urban environment.

Economic

High quality park space favourably impacts the image and economy of Calgary and is associated with indirect benefits including but not limited to increased land values and community desirability.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

No budget implications.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

No budget implications.

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Risk Assessment

No risks associated with this update.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

As per Council approval of LPC2013-0428 Proposed New ENMAX Legacy Parks Program, this quarterly update is being presented to the Legacy Parks Fund Steering Committee as per the approved Terms of Reference in the aforementioned report.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Legacy Parks Fund Steering Committee Proposed Agenda - 2015 July 02
2. Legacy Parks Fund Steering Committee Proposed Agenda - 2015 October 22
3. Prairie Winds Regional Park Design Development Plan
4. Legacy Parks Phase 3 Financial Update - Confidential