

Report to Council



Date: November 4, 2019
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Criteria for Park Development Prioritization Workshop
Department: Parks & Building Planning

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives for information, the report from the Parks & Buildings Planning Manager dated November 4, 2019, with respect to the Criteria for Park Development Prioritization Workshop;

AND THAT Council directs staff to utilize the parks development prioritization criteria established in this workshop, when incorporating the proposed Parks Development DCCs into the broader 10-year Capital Plan priority planning.

Purpose:

To provide Council an opportunity to review criteria for the potential prioritization of park development in the near term (1-to-5 years), in order to inform the broader discussion on 10-year Capital Plan priorities.

Background:

On October 28, 2019, Council gave 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading to the Bylaw amendment to include Parks development within the Development Cost Charge program. The Park Development Funding Program accompanying this amendment identifies thirty-one park projects over a ten-year period but does not identify any priority rating within that timeframe.

This workshop will be an opportunity for Council to provide direction to staff regarding criteria for park prioritization specific to the proposed DCC program, for the near term (1–5 years). A broader discussion on priorities across all cost sectors within the 10-year Capital Plan will be brought to Council with a proposed workshop on December 2, 2019.

Staff notes that there is a budget request for 2020 to undertake a Parks Master Plan. Public consultation and statistical surveys through the development of the Parks Master Plan will be used to identify long-term objectives and priorities for park amenities and will inform the 20-year Servicing Plan update following the 2040 OCP. This workshop is therefore to address Council priorities in the interim period.

Direction will be sought to determine the prioritization criteria for each park type, such:

- prioritisation of urban parks, or a balance between urban and suburban areas;
- prioritisation of existing sites;
- equitable distribution across the City;
- balance between park types;
- community priorities for recreational amenities;
- community-wide appeal; and
- other criteria to be determined.

Next Steps

Feedback from this workshop will establish the parks priority criteria that will be brought back to Council for approval. Staff will use the park priority criteria when incorporating the proposed Parks Development DCCs into the future infrastructure workshop on priorities across all sectors within the 10-year Capital Plan. These criteria are proposed as an interim step and will be revisited once the long-term objectives are determined through the Parks Masterplan.

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Existing Policy:

Imagine Kelowna called to create great public spaces, grow vibrant urban centres, preserve Okanagan Lake as a shared resource, and build healthy neighbourhoods for all.

"Prioritizing parks and public spaces in the Core area" is identified as one of the big moves in the 2040 OCP process.

Council Priorities 2019-2022 identified measures to transform this vision into action. Specifically, relevant to this report:

- Vibrant neighbourhoods, by creating animated parks and public spaces
- Vibrant neighbourhoods, through developing accessible and multi-purpose amenities.
- Economic resiliency, through the reduction of the infrastructure deficit.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:
External Agency/Public Comments:
Communications Comments.

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Attachment: 1. PowerPoint

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