

February 8, 2016

To The Honourable Mayor and Council of the City of Kelowna,

We, the committee representing the neighbourhood of Lost Creek, are requesting your review of the following proposal for a park in the community of Lost Creek.

Our vision for the Lost Creek Park is to service the diverse needs of the community. It is a multi-demographic park that targets use and accessibility for small children, youth, active adults and seniors. Our hope is to create a dynamic play environment that includes a playground, sport field, natural play features and fitness equipment. Utilizing the natural environment, native vegetation and earth elements already present; the park will offer an attractive features park to service families and foster community development.

During the past 2 years, there have been numerous community meetings, communications with both city and council members, meetings with the developer, a community petition which was submitted to council in early 2015, meetings with a playground design researcher from UBCO and concept design done by a Lost Creek resident. Based upon these consultations, we are proposing a cost sharing model: Residents to contribute 25% through taxation, developer (Wilden) to contribute an additional 25% and the City of Kelowna funding the remaining 50%. To generate the resident portion, we are requesting an Owner Initiated Local Area Service as per the Community Charter, section 212. Based on the Order of Magnitude Costing provided by the city, the expected maximum cost of this park is \$340,000.00. Through a preliminary survey of the gross majority of the Lost Creek residents, we have greater than 85% support for the Local Area Service funding proposal.

A park in this neighbourhood is in keeping with the 2004 Glenmore Highlands Parks Agreement and the location is as per the 2004 approved zoning for the area; park land was transferred to the City in 2010. The residents of the Lost Creek neighbourhood have been actively advocating for park development since early 2014.

Our goal is to get the park to priority one in the 2016 Budget in order to begin the development of the park in 2017. There is a tremendous amount of community support for this park, and we look forward to collaborating with the City of Kelowna and Wilden to get this park completed.

Thank you for considering our request,

The Lost Creek Park Committee



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