

# Report to Council



**Date:** October 16, 2017  
**File:** 1840-01  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Parks & Buildings Planning Manager  
**Subject:** Parks Development - Parkland Acquisition and Development Funding Strategy, Workshop 2

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives for information the report from the Parks & Buildings Planning Manager dated October 16, 2017, with respect to Parks Development - Parkland Acquisition and Development Funding Strategy Workshop 2.

## **Purpose:**

To provide council with the second workshop in a series of three. This workshop is aimed at building an evaluation and priority setting tool with council.

## **Background:**

As noted in earlier reports, the City of Kelowna is committed to providing parkland for public enjoyment and well-being, creating sports amenities to promote active living, preserving natural open space for wild flora and fauna, and developing linear greenways that create strong pedestrian and cycling connections throughout the City.

In May 2017, City Council received the Parks Development Report - A study of underdeveloped, undeveloped and future park sites. The report notes that while the City acquires parkland in accordance with the Parkland Acquisition Guidelines, it has become apparent the rate of park development has not kept pace with the rate of parkland acquisition. This raises some fundamental questions of public policy which lead naturally into discussions about potential strategies and appropriate financing tools to ensure the City's parkland acquisition and development keep pace with community desires and the City's ability to fund these initiatives. Council engaged in the first workshop on October 2, 2017, where members provided direction on broader policy issues related to parks such as the proportion of resources that goes towards parks acquisition vs parks development, and considerations on the level of parks acquisition and development provided in the City.

## **Council Engagement Process**

The City has retained Urban Systems to assist in a three-workshop series with Council (in October and November 2017):

October 2, 2017 - Workshop 1 (completed): Engaging Council in shaping the key public policy questions to be addressed in the City's overall approach to parkland acquisition and development moving forward;

October 16, 2017 - Workshop 2: Building an evaluation and priority setting tool;

November 6, 2017 - Workshop 3: Having Council participate in aligning financing tools with specific public policy objectives and funding needs associated with parkland acquisition and development.

More specifically, the following items will be addressed during this forthcoming workshop.

- Recapping direction provided during Workshop 1;
- Providing Council with some additional parks data requested during Workshop 1;
- Spending most of the time during Workshop 2 engaging Council in an exercise to build a tool for setting parks priorities, which will include:
  - confirming the specific criteria that should be used in setting priorities; and
  - placing a weighting, or level of importance, to each of the criteria.

Clarifying Council's priorities for parks will provide solid direction for the potential strategies and financing tools recommended as outcomes for this process. The results of Workshop 2 on establishing priorities will set the stage for Workshop 3 which focusses on the funding and financing strategy.

### **Internal circulation:**

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Divisional Director, Community Planning & Strategic Investments

Divisional Director, Financial Services

Divisional Director, Corporate Strategic Services

Divisional Director, Active Living & Culture

Divisional Director, Corporate & Protective Services

Divisional Director, Human Resources & Corporate Performance

### **Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Personnel implications:

Existing Policy:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

Alternate Recommendation:

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Attachment: 2017-10-16-Parks Funding Strategy-Council Workshop 2

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