

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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### **Penfield West Linear Park – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

On July 20, 2009, the City of Campbell River began construction of Penfield West Linear Park. The following questions and answers are intended to provide an overview of the project and its impacts:

#### **What is the project about?**

The development of Penfield West Linear Park will provide the completion of a currently underdeveloped neighbourhood park. The Penfield West Park Upgrade Project was initiated by the City to respond to area residents who raised concern over the state of the undeveloped park. Following public consultation, and the securing of a LocalMotion grant, Council approved the upgrade to include a defined park space complete with paved walking trails, over 90 new trees and 800 new shrubs. The park space will be fully accessible with additional amenities including a dog park, parking, interpretive signage, park benches and a playground structure.

#### **Where is Penfield West Linear Park located?**

Penfield West Linear Park is located between Joanne and College and College and Dogwood. It is a long, linear park which provides pedestrian linkage from the Penfield West neighbourhood to the Dogwood Bike Path/Beaver Lodge Lands.

#### **How was the park design selected?**

In 2008, the City of Campbell River Parks Department underwent a public consultation process in the Penfield West neighbourhood. Surveys were sent to all homes within a 500 metre radius of the park. Based on the survey results, 3 conceptual designs were prepared for the park and presented at an Open House in October of 2008. Open House attendees selected the preferred conceptual design and from this the final plan was created and posted on the City website for viewing.

#### **What amenities will be included in the park?**

The park will include a paved pathway along the length of the park, a children's play structure in the SE end, an enclosed dog off-leash park in the NW end, a small parking area next to the dog park, benches, signage, an irrigated lawn area and approximately 90 new trees and 800 new shrubs throughout the park.

#### **When is construction going to take place?**

Construction will begin July 20, 2009 and is scheduled to be complete by Sept. 18, 2009.

#### **How is it being paid for?**

The project is a partnership between the City of Campbell River and the provincial government. The park construction is funded as follows:

- \$274,284 – Provincial LocalMotion grant funding
- \$100,000 – Parks Development Cost Charges (DCC's)
- \$174,284 – Parks Parcel Tax

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