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ROBRON PARK DETAILED SITE DESIGN – Questions and Answers

The following questions and answers are intended to provide an overview of the Robron Park Detailed Site Design project and its impacts:

What is the project about?

The City will be developing a long-term vision and a detailed site plan for improvements at Robron Park. The detailed site plan will enable the improvements to be “shovel ready” for potential grant applications. It will also ensure that if opportunities arise to complete components of the park, they can be constructed in a way that fits within the long-term vision for the park.

Who is the consultant that will be preparing the detailed site plan for Robron Park?

HB LANARC is the landscape architect firm that has been hired to design the park. They have assembled a team that includes:

Athletica Sport and Recreation Design, Inc.
Highland Engineering and Surveying
Dr. Brian Holl, PhD, Sport Turf Management
Levelton Consultants Ltd., Geotechnical
Applied Engineering Solutions Ltd. Lighting

What amenities will be included in the park?

The Recreation Infrastructure Review indicated the potential for adding the following facilities at Robron Park:

- an artificial turf sportsfield,
- an outdoor lacrosse box,
- an accessible playground,
- an additional grass soccer pitch and 2 ball diamonds,
- a field house, and
- expanded parking.

HB LANARC will conduct a public consultation process to develop a long-term vision for the park by reviewing the results from the Recreation Infrastructure Review and by determining what facilities the community currently feels should be included at Robron Park.

When is the Public Consultation Process going to take place?

There will be two public consultation meetings initially as follows:

ROBRON PARK STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING #1

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

7 – 9 pm - Sportsplex Room 1

This meeting is open to the public and the purpose of the meeting will be to describe the process and receive public input on priorities and facility locations.

ROBRON PARK STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING #2

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

7-9 pm - Sportsplex Room 2/3

This meeting is open to the public and the purpose of the meeting will be to present the initial findings of the public process.

How much will the detailed site plan cost?

The cost for the development of the detailed site plan is \$250,000.

How is it being paid for?

The Robron Park Detailed Site Plan is being paid for out of the City's Future Capital Reserve Fund.

Could the funding for the Detailed Site Design have been used to lower general taxation?

No. Reserve funds are established to provide one-time funding for various community projects.

What is the benefit of getting the detailed site plan prepared?

Many funding opportunities are contingent upon projects being "construction-ready". The preparation of a detailed design and cost estimate will enable the City and organizations/user groups to be eligible to apply for federal, provincial and other funding opportunities.

When will the detailed site planning process be complete?

We expect the planning process to be complete some time in January 2010.

If the park upgrades go ahead in the future, when would they be completed?

The upgrades could be completed all at once or broken down into components and constructed as funds become available. If the upgrades were to be constructed as one project, it is likely that the City would need to borrow funds to complete the project. In order to borrow funds for the project, we anticipate the City would require the approval of the electors to gain authorization to borrow the funds. Funding strategy and construction timeline will depend on the amenities that are to be included in the upgrades which will be identified through the public consultation process.