



Operations Winter Updates To Council

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Agenda

- Review of 2020 Winter Pathway Pilot Project
- “Your Voice Markham” resident survey results
- Pathway program recommendations for 2021/2022 season
- Proposed City operated outdoor skating surfaces
- 2021 Winter Maintenance results
- Questions



2020 Park Pathway Pilot Project

- Park Pathway Pilot included winter maintenance of 1 paved park pathway per ward and one granular pathway at Milne Dam Park
- Utilizing Your Voice Markham, 385 residents recorded their votes providing good representative feedback of preferences
- Staff observations and resident feedback suggests that the pilot project was successful on asphalt surfaces but was not successful on the granular pathway at Milne Dam.



2020 Park Pathway Pilot Project cont'd

- 62% of all respondents reported using the pathways
- 80% of users reported doing so for recreational purposes
- 55% of users reported using the pathways daily or weekly
- 46% of respondents disagreed while 39% agreed that the parks pathways should be maintained at a lower level of service than sidewalks
- 50% of respondents said that they would not pay extra for this service with 36% saying they would pay \$1-\$15 more



2021 Park Pathway Program Recommendations

- Increase winter maintenance from 8 park pathways to 95 park pathways Citywide
- The estimated cost of \$121,711.29 to be funded from within the existing Operations winter maintenance operating budget
- Set winter service level of park pathways to occur within 48-72 hours after the end of a weather event

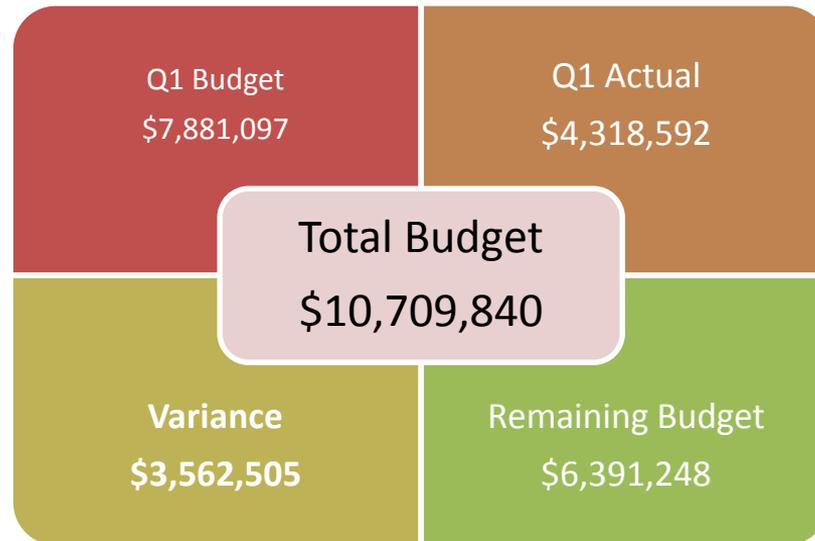


Recommended City Operated Skating Surfaces

- Propose 4 locations – (Markham Museum, Milne Dam Park, Victoria Square Park, and Huntington Park) to address safe outdoor public skating for the 2021-2022 winter season
- All locations have parking lots, available water, suitable ground conditions and do not directly compete with existing volunteer run programs
- First year start up of \$27,624.00 for infrastructure and materials; the yearly operating cost is estimated to be \$5,500.00



2021 Winter Maintenance





Questions