



Report to: Development Services Committee

Meeting Date: May 25, 2021

SUBJECT: Updated Conceptual Draft Master Plan for Celebration Park

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) THAT the report dated May 25, 2021 to Development Services Committee, titled 'Updated Conceptual Draft Master Plan for Celebration Park ' be received;
- 2) THAT Council receive and authorize the 'Updated Conceptual Draft Master Plan for Celebration Park' which captures changes to the design scope as recommended within the Integrated Leisure Masterplan;
- 3) AND THAT staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's endorsement of the Updated Conceptual Draft Master Plan for Celebration Park.

BACKGROUND:

Celebration Park is located at 135 Karachi Drive and is a 5.30ha (13 acres) parcel of land located at the intersection of Kirkham Drive and Karachi Drive (Attachment A).

The planning and design of this park has changed multiple times over the years with the first community information meetings taking place in 2012 as part of the previous South East Community Centre and Library Project. The initial design in 2012 was to make a connection between the future Park and the proposed Community Centre (Attachment B). In 2014, another community consultation took place once the decision was made to move the Community Centre to 14th Avenue and Middlefield. The 2014 park design was updated to be a standalone park with the connection to the now relocated Community Centre removed (Attachment C). In 2017, the park design changed again from an active recreation oriented park with multiple soccer fields, to that of a place for celebration where residents can gather, celebrate, socialize and participate in festivals, concerts and other cultural events (Attachment D). The last updated presentation to General Committee on this park was on June 8, 2017 at which time staff received the endorsement in principle to advance the Celebration Park Draft Conceptual Master Plan.

Since 2017, multiple iterations of the Celebration Park Draft Conceptual Master Plan have been developed with the most current plan known as 2021 Updated Celebration Park Draft Conceptual Master Plan driven by the need to include recreational facilities identified in the Integrated Leisure Master Plan (ILMP).

With the updated master plan driven by the 2019 (ILMP), staff feel it is imperative that the public be re-engaged to review the new 2021 Updated Celebration Park Draft Conceptual Master Plan (Attachment E). The Updated Celebration Park Draft Conceptual Master Plan looked at the 2019 ILMP and considered the importance to maintain the celebration elements in the park program (gathering and open space) with the inclusion of a an irrigated and lit cricket pitch.

PROPOSAL:

The 2021 Updated Celebration Park Draft Conceptual Masterplan park program includes the following:

- Irrigated Lit Cricket Field
- Celebration/ Gathering area/ Picnic area (approx.. 1.5 acres)
- Outdoor Shade Pavilion (approx.. 2500 sq. feet/ 232 sq. m)
- Washroom and shade Pavilion
- Parking Lot(s) (+/- 220 spaces)
- Walking Trail
- Cricket Batting Cages
- Junior/ Senior Playground
- Water Play
- Site Furniture
- Associated Landscape Works

The proposed changes from the previously endorsed 2017 Celebration Park Draft Conceptual Master Plan to the currently proposed 2021 Updated Celebration Park Draft Conceptual Masterplan is the inclusion of an Irrigated Lit Cricket Field, Batting Cages and additional parking. These changes are being proposed based on the recommendations within the 2019 Integrated Leisure Master Plan and the needs within this immediate community.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

Staff recommend that council approve the updated Conceptual draft master plan so that design development and public engagement can advance this year. Approval of the Conceptual Draft Master Plan at this time will enable construction of this park to begin in Q2 2022 (covid19 & weather permitting).

If the updated Conceptual Draft Master Plan is not endorsed at this time then staff will have no direction to advance this park and will require direction on how to proceed.

With the endorsement of the Updated Conceptual Draft Master Plan at this time, completion of the park is anticipated in Fall 2023.

The final tendered design for this park will reflect the requirements identified within the Integrated Leisure Master Plan, outcome of further community engagement and staff evaluation to assess sustainability, total cost of ownership, City-wide standards / allocation and financial implications which could affect the overall elements within the Updated Conceptual Draft Master Plans.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Operating and Life Cycle Impact

It is anticipated that the City will take assumption for maintenance of this park in late Fall 2023. The Operating and Life Cycle Reserve impact will be determined at time of park construction in early 2023.

When designing the park, staff will consider the long-term maintenance, operational and capital replacement cost implications.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Consistent with the City's Safe, Sustainable & Complete Community objective.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

The Finance Department, Recreation Department, Parks Operations and Corporate Communications have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Location Map
Attachment B – 2012 Park Design
Attachment C – 2014 Park Design
Attachment D – 2017 Park Design
Attachment E – 2021 Park Design