



Report to: General Committee

Meeting Date: June 27, 2016

SUBJECT: 2017 Capital Budget Pre-Approval for New Growth Related Park Development

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the report dated June 27, 2016 entitled “2017 Capital Budget Pre-Approval for New Growth Related Park Development” be received;
- 2) That Council approve the 2017 Capital Budget pre-approval for park development which totals \$12,016,600 as outlined in this report;
- 3) The 2017 park development capital program of \$12,016,000 will be funded 90% from Development Charges in the amount of \$10,814,400, and 10% will be funded from the Operating Non-Lifecycle funds in the amount of \$800,000 and the remaining balance of \$401,600 from the Non-DC Growth Reserve Fund;
- 4) That staff bring forward the corresponding Capital Request Forms for each of the pre-approved projects as part of the 2017 Capital Budget process; and
- 5) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

To obtain Council approval for Planning and Urban Design’s 2017 Capital Park Development Projects as outlined in the report in order to achieve the following outcomes:

- Early commencement of the procurement process in order to expedite park design and construction;
- Acceleration of the design and /or construction of parklands within the new growth communities in neighborhoods where residents are living; and
- To meet service delivery targets and recreational programming requirements.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past twenty years, Markham’s residential communities which include Cornell, Wismer, Berczy, Greensborough, Angus Glen, Cathedral Town, Box Grove, Villages of Fairtree, Upper Unionville, Upper Greensborough etc. have all been designed based on the principle that each home would be within a 5 to 10 minute walk to a nearby park. Large portions of these communities have now been built out and have become home to thousands of families.

Since 2014, the City has increased, and expedited, the delivery of local neighbourhood parks by increasing the annual park capital budget from over \$6 million in 2012 to over 8

million in 2013 and to over \$12 million since 2014. Council also pre-approved park budgets in 2014 and 2015 so that park design and construction could be expedited ahead of the budget cycle.

In the period 2014 to the end of 2016, the Park Development Group have expedited the delivery of neighbourhood parks thereby working to address the shortage of parks where people are living in these communities. The Park Development Group worked closely with Councillors and residents to ensure community engagement in park design and delivery.

Future Park Delivery 2017-2018:

Given the success of the expedited park delivery program to date and the positive response from residents, the Park Development Group is requesting Council approval for the continuation of the accelerated program of parkland delivery for priority neighbourhood parks identified below, as well as phases of the Cornell and Box Grove Community Parks. The estimated cost of delivering these parks is \$12,016,600 which includes, where appropriate, design, construction, internal administration fees and HST.

The accelerated park delivery program is aimed at starting the design of parks by the end of summer 2016, and starting construction in spring /summer 2017, where applicable, and completing the majority of these neighbourhood parks and parkettes by summer 2018. Therefore, staff request that General Committee approve, in principle, a pre-approved budget of \$12,016,600.

Staff will provide more detail on individual park costs in fall 2016 as part of the 2017 Capital Budget process.

DISCUSSION:

There are 17 park development projects requested to be pre-approved in this report. Staff will bring forward the detailed Capital Request Forms for each of these pre-approved projects, as well as any additional parks Capital Projects, as part of the 2017 Capital Budget process.

Projects Requested for pre-approval include:

Construction of 6 New Parks (Design funding approved previously):

- Berczy Beckett Northwest Park (Next to School) (1.97 acres) - \$929,100
- Cornell Community Park - First Phase Construction (33 acres) - \$3,000,000
- Greensborough Williamson Neighborhood Park (3.9 acres) - \$1,286,000
- Markham Centre Rouge Valley Drive West NP (3.7 ac). - \$1,260,000
- Box Grove Community Centre Park (Phase 2) - \$480,000
- Cornell Madison Rouge Riverlands (Phase 2) - \$200,000

Design and Construction of 8 New Parks:

- Swan Lake Park South Williamson Phase 6 (7.76 ac) - \$450,000
- Cornell Community Centre Square (0.54 ac) - \$600,000
- Angus Glen West Village Parkette (0.3 ac)- \$97,500
- Wismer McCowan Woodlot Park (2.98 ac) - \$485,000

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- Wismer Alexander Lawrie NP East and West (3.98 ac) - \$1,290,000
 - Wismer Hammersly Park (1.2 ac) - \$490,000
 - Greensborough Gord Weeden Park (6.48 ac) - \$650,000
 - Cornell Wykland Parkettes (2) (1.69 ac) - \$549,000

Cornell Wykland Parkettes are not included in the Development Charge Background Study, and will be funded from within the overall park development program identified in the Background Study.

Design of 3 New Parks or Park Facilities:

- Box Grove Community Park Bridge - \$50,000
- Cornell Community Park Maintenance Building - \$110,000
- Cornell Centre Mattamy NP and Woodlot (15.06 ac) - \$90,000

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The 2017 Capital Budget pre-approval outlined in this report includes 17 capital park development projects totaling \$12,016,600.

The total cost of \$12,016,600 for the park projects will be funded 90% from Development Charges in the amount of \$10,814,400, and 10% will be funded from the Operating Non-Lifecycle funds in the amount of \$800,000 and the remaining balance of \$401,600 from the Non-DC Growth Reserve Fund.

The Department will submit individual park capital request forms for each pre-approved park identified above as part of the 2017 Capital Budget process. The budget estimates provided are preliminary estimates and will be refined further as part of the 2017 Capital Budget process.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable.

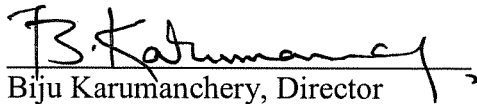
ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

These 2017 Capital Park Development Projects are aligned with the City of Markham's strategic priorities developed by Council: Growth Management; Municipal Services; and Integrated Leisure Master Plan / Public Safety.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Finance, Operations and the CAO's Office have been consulted during the 2016 Capital Budget Pre-approval submission and review process.

RECOMMENDED BY:



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ATTACHMENTS:

Map of Park Status as of June 2016