



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE INFORMATION REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: November 21, 2023

From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Subject: **Parks Master Plan and Rec Trails Master Plan Update November 2023**

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STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Invest in Infrastructure – We will invest in building, improving and maintaining infrastructure to meet the needs of, and to provide a high quality of life for, current and future generations.

Strengthen Our Community – We will provide opportunities for the residents of West Kelowna to build connections, celebrate successes, embrace the community's strengths and diversity, address shared needs, and contribute to shaping the community's future.

Foster Safety and Well-Being – We will pursue through direct action, advocacy, and collaboration with local and regional service providers, investments in community health, needs-based housing, emergency preparedness, policing, and other services that foster safety and well-being in West Kelowna.

BACKGROUND

At the May 16, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting, staff and its consultant, Jana Zelenski of Lanarc Consulting, provided Council and the community with a progress update on Phase 1 of the Parks Master Plan and Rec Trails Master Plan. Phase 1 is now completed, along with the technical analysis that includes stakeholder and public consultation undertaken through the summer.

The purpose of this report is to provide Council and the community with the outcome of the consultation to date, and to provide Council with the opportunity to review the technical analysis, consultation summary and emerging directions in advance of obtaining Council's input and direction at a Regular Council Meeting in early 2024. At that time, staff will be seeking Council's direction on the emerging directions, actions and other considerations that will form the draft plan.

Public Engagement

The Project Team completed Round 1 of the engagement process during the spring and summer of 2023. The key areas of focus for this round included raising awareness and providing information about the existing parks and trails networks, as well as, gathering information about concerns, values, gaps, and ideas. The outcome of this process was to confirm aspirations and directions from previous plans and identify new potential directions for the networks. The Parks Master Plan and Trails Master Plan Public Engagement Summary is provided in Attachment 2.

Technical Analysis and Outline of Emerging Directions

The Project Team completed the Technical Analysis and Outline of Emerging Directions during the summer and fall of 2023. This included an analysis of the existing parks and trails, background and demographics, the City's current planning context, benchmarking, emerging best practices, engagement input, and input from City Staff.

The project team has provided comprehensive information for both plans for Council's consideration over the winter months. Based on the progress to date and the information attached to this report, staff will be seeking input and direction from Council in early 2024 that would form the draft plan. Council and community input into the draft plan would subsequently occur and staff will provide Council with the timeline of those next steps in early 2024.

Timeline

Following input from Council, the Project Team will develop the Draft Parks Master Plan and Rec Trails Master Plan.

The Project timeline is shown below (*Figure 1*)



Figure 1: Project timeline

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Powerpoint: Yes ☒ No ☐

Attachments:

1. Presentation Slides (Lanarc Consulting)
2. Parks Master Plan and Rec Trails Master Plan: Public Engagement Summary – Summer 2023
3. Parks: Additional Information Sheets
4. Rec Trails: Additional Information Sheets