



INFORMATION ONLY COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: April 23, 2024

From: Ron Mattiussi, Interim CAO

Subject: **Parks Master Plan and Recreational Trails Master Plan Update April 2024**

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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 November 21, 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 the Parks Master Plan and Recreational Trails Master Plan. This included an opportunity for Council to review the engagement summary, emerging directions, actions, and other considerations that form the draft plans. Incorporating feedback from Council, the Project Team has now completed the Draft Parks Master Plan and Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan.

The purpose of this report is to provide Council and the community with an update on the process to date, an overview of the draft master plans, highlights of the technical analysis contained within these plans, as well as an overview of Round 2 of the public engagement process.

Draft Master Plans

Following input from Council, the Project Team completed the Draft Parks Master Plan and Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan during the fall of 2023 and winter of 2024. These plans include the current context and analysis of the parks and recreational trails networks, a framework for the future, a set of draft recommendations, an implementation summary, and supporting mapping and information. The Draft Parks Master Plan is provided in Attachment 1 and the Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan is provided in Attachment 2.

Public Engagement

The Project Team is planning to launch Round 2 of the public engagement process on April 24th, with a Community Open House scheduled for May 15th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the West Kelowna Yacht Club (4111 Gelatly Road), and the engagement period to close on May 24th, 2024. This round of the engagement process encourages the community to review the Draft Parks Master Plan and the Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan, with a focus on gaining feedback on the draft goals and recommendations for the parks and recreational trails systems. Engagement materials for Round 2 are provided in Attachment 3.

Timeline

Following input from Council, the Project Team will launch Round 2 of the public engagement process to review the Draft Parks Master Plan and Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan. An engagement summary of this process and a project update will be provided to Council in early summer 2024 prior to finalizing the master plans.

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



Figure 1: Project timeline

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Attachments:

1. Draft Parks Master Plan
2. Draft Recreational Trails Master Plan
3. Round 2 Public Engagement Materials