



INFORMATION ONLY COUNCIL REPORT
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
For the June 25th, 2019 Council Meeting

DATE: June 11, 2019
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Jim Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer
RE: Response to the Neighbourhood Association Requests

BACKGROUND:

At the May 13th Special Council meeting, presentations were made by the following:

- Casa Loma Community Association
- Lakeview Heights Community Association
- Gellatly Bay Trails and Parks Society
- Green Bay Property Owners Association
- Greater Westside Board of Trade
- Glenrosa Neighbourhood Association.

These organizations had some recommendations and requests. This report address the recommendations and requests.

Casa Loma Community Association

1. Status on an Exit Strategy (in case of fire) for Casa Loma.

The province has recently announced grant funding for next year in the area of evacuation planning. It is our intent to apply for funds to put towards examining the challenge of evacuations, which will include Casa Loma, as well as developing and testing an evacuation plan.

2. That the \$30,000 contribution from the Casa Palmero Development be used for Casa Loma waterfront parks.

The resolution specifies that the \$30000 must be used toward Casa Loma waterfront parks

Lakeview Heights Community Association

- 1. Additional opportunity for input to Council on large neighbourhood development proposals.**

Provincial legislation limits public consultation to the establishment of the Development Permit Guidelines. Once the Guidelines are adopted the City and future applicants are bound to those guidelines.

- 2. A Neighbourhood Plan for Lakeview Heights.**

The Official Community Plan, which will be updated in 2019/2020, provides a future land use plan and neighbourhood level policy. Typically specific neighbourhood plans are established for new neighbourhoods or areas desiring or experiencing significant change i.e. Westbank Centre.

- 3. A community park for Lakeview Heights.**

The request has been noted and will be considered when contemplating additional park acquisitions. The Parks DCC fund has been depleted and park acquisition funds are currently being regenerated.

- 4. More enforcement for traffic issues.**

As this request will require a significant amount of funds, approximately \$160,000 per officer, it will be added to the 2020 Strategic Planning List for Council's consideration.

Gellatly Bay Trails and Parks Society

- 1. Lobby the Provincial Government to get the portion of the trail completed.**

Council will be making this request at the UBCM meeting.

- 2. Walkway along Whitworth Road.**

GBTAPS is exploring more funding for this project. Staff will continue to work with the group to try and move this project forward. Can be considered in the 2020 budget if further funding isn't secured before then.

Green Bay Property Owners Association

- 1. Drainage issues be resolved (Len's Lake).**

There was a Capital budget of \$150K in 2017 to address drainage issues in Green Bay however a reasonable solution could not be developed within the budget. The low elevation of the neighbourhood makes it very challenging to deal with drainage. Flooding events in 2017 and 2018 highlighted the challenges of the area. Future capital dollars will have to be considered against other drainage projects throughout the community as drainage capital funds are very limited each year. The City understands the seriousness of this problem and will continue to look at finding a solution.

2. Signage at the mouth of the Bay, welcoming recreational users.

The City does not have jurisdiction for this request. This would be NavCanada's jurisdiction. However, staff can make a request to have the sign installed.

3. Solution to the increasing sediment deposited at the mouth of the bay.

The solution to the increase sediment deposit would be dredging. However, the dredging of the bay is not within the City's authority.

Greater Westside Board of Trade

No Requests

Glenrosa Neighbourhood Association

1. Fire mitigation around Glenrosa and Powers Creek Canyon and along the Jackpine Forest Service Road.

On May 28th Council received a report outlining mitigation activities planned for 2019. These include work in City parks as well as other initiatives available to private property owners to perform mitigation on private lands.

Our CWPP has identified hundreds of areas for mitigation across the City, including private, public and crown land. There were 9 in the Glenrosa vicinity.

Based on scientific analysis, the CWPP includes a priority list of the 61 highest priority areas for mitigation. Only 3 of the 9 Glenrosa projects fell in the top 61 and of that, they are priority #23, #37 and #49.

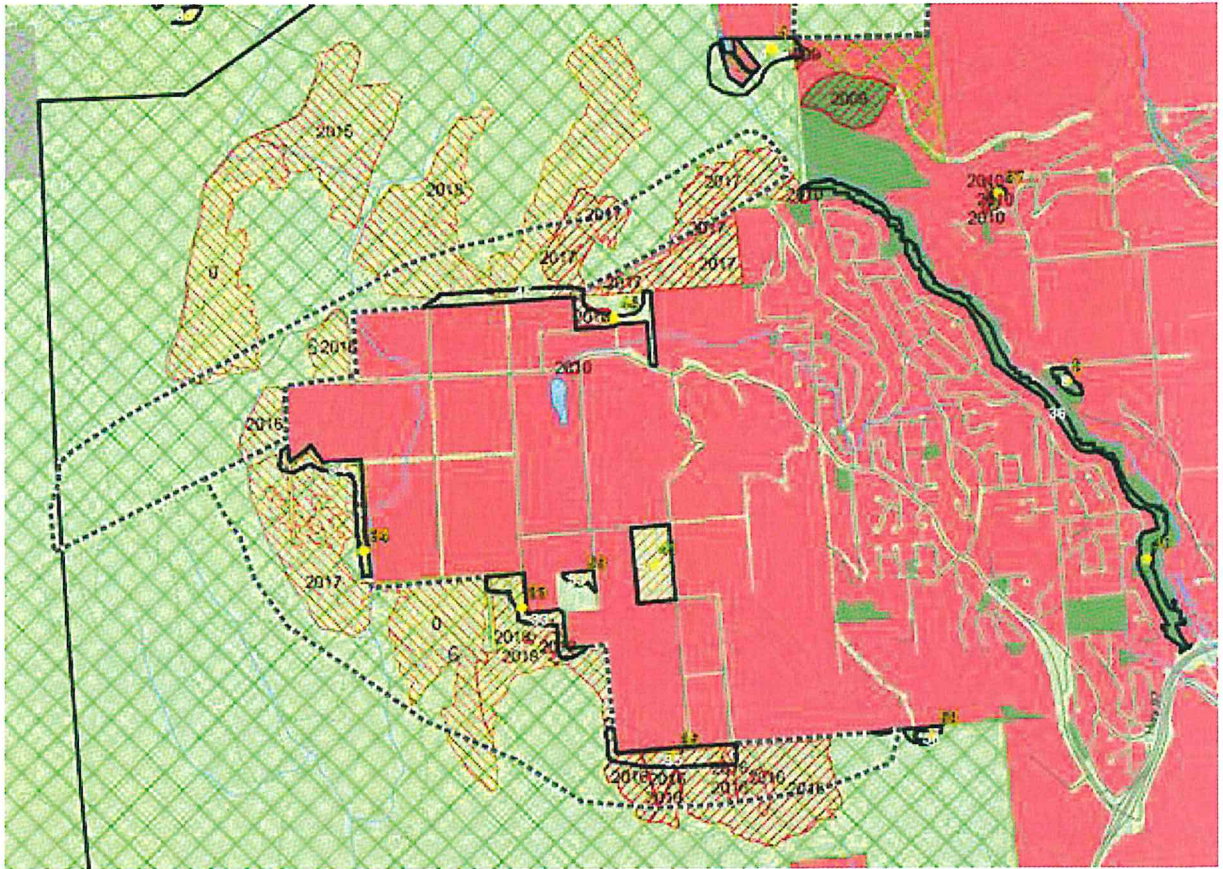
As a result, staff doesn't expect to see mitigation activities on public land in the near future in this area.

That being said, the attached map from the CWPP shows that a large area around the area has been burned already, offering some protection.

Also, WFN (through its subsidiary forest company Ntityix Resources) has previously, and continues to undertake mitigation work in their community forest surrounding Glenrosa. This spring they completed 35 hectares off of Oriole Rd. Another project off of Turnbull Rd will be completed this fall. In addition, they completed a 30 hectare partial cut logging operation just past the cattle guard on Glenrosa Road and we have another small patch project south of Turnbull Road planned for this winter. They have done considerable work over the past 5 years (over 150 hectares) and all of CWK benefits. WKFR will continue to support their work through in kind contributions, cooperation on burning of debris as well as support for their ongoing grant applications.

Finally, we are encouraging private property owners to undertake mitigation activities. Interested property owners are encouraged to contact West Kelowna Fire Rescue (WKFR) for more information on grant opportunities as well as ways we can support

their activities. The Glenrosa Residents Association could also consider the process to become accredited as a 'Fire Smart Community'. WKFR is available to support them in this regard, should they wish to take on that challenge.



2. Road to be graded on the Jackpine Forest Service Road.

The Premier has just announced that there will be grant funding available that “could be used to upgrade forest service roads as alternative exit routes in case of fire”. Staff will continue to closely monitor this aspect of the grant program as further details arise.

3. Ensure there is cell service on the Jackpine Forest Service Road.

Staff have requested that at the very least a portable station be placed on the road during fire season. The cell providers did investigate this possibility and informed staff that the portable station is not feasible. Staff will continue talking to the cell providers to find a solution.

4. Enlarge traffic circles for larger vehicles or replace traffic circles with removable speed bumps.

The City has recently removed more curbing to assist larger vehicles with maneuvering the circles. The City will continue to monitor.

5. More sidewalks to all school zones in Glenrosa.

Sidewalks for McIver Road (near GMS) are being designed as part of the project designing the Glenrosa Road upgrades from Glen Abbey to McGinnis (which will also include sidewalks). Construction is expected in 2020 or 2021.

6. Speed Radar and community policing in the community.

Councillor de Jong is proposing a UBCM resolution for the Province to allow municipalities to have the authority to use photo radar within the community.

7. Mosquito Control program.

Placed on the 2020 Strategic Planning List.

8. Increase Bylaw Enforcement patrols through Glenrosa.

Placed on the 2020 Strategic Planning List (resourcing/budget item).

9. Implement a garbage bin that is bear proof.

On behalf of the region, RDCO will be exploring the possibility to use bear proof bins this fall.

10. Install additional street lights to vulnerable areas of the community

Street lighting is planned to be installed with the installation of sidewalk on McIver Road & the Glenrosa Road upgrades. If residents have specific locations of concern staff can investigate the feasibility of that particular location.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Administrative Officer

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