



INFORMATION ONLY COUNCIL REPORT
Engineering & Public Works
For the August 27, 2019 Council Meeting

DATE: August 20, 2019
TO: Paul Gipps, CAO
FROM: Bob Kusch, Recreation and Culture Manager
RE: Update – Recreation Programming and Facilities Master Plan

The community engagement process for the Recreation Programming and Facilities Master Plan is about to commence and this report is to inform Council of the steps being taken and the timeline to be followed.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the 2019 budget deliberations, Council approved funding to undertake a Recreation Programming and Facilities Master Plan. The recommendation to Council to complete a new master plan was brought forward by staff as the last Parks and Recreation Master Plan was completed in 2010 with a follow up Parks Master Plan in 2016. At the time of the Parks Master Plan it was determined by staff that Recreation should not be included as this should be looked at specifically and independently and allow a complete focus on Recreation Services. It is believed it is timely for this plan to be completed in 2019/20

West Kelowna is a community with a population of approximately 35,000 and a service area population of approximately 52,000. Recreation Services are currently being provided in the following facilities and with the associated partners where indicated:

1. Royal LePage Place and Jim Lind Arena
2. Webber Road Community Centre (Okanagan Boys and Girls Club)
3. Westside Youth Centre (Okanagan Boys and Girls Club)
4. Westbank Lions Community Centre
5. Lakeview Heights Community Hall
6. Johnson Bentley Memorial Aquatic Centre (ActiveLiving Entreprises)
7. Westside Seniors Center (Westside Senior Citizens Service Association)
8. Mount Boucherie Secondary School, Mar Jok Elementary School, George Pringle Elementary School, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School and Glenrosa Middle School.

A review of the needs and demands for recreation programming and facilities to provide them will assist Council in determining priorities in the future to compliment the programming within the facilities listed above. Comparison of recreation service provision in other similar communities in B.C. will also be part of the process.

The Master Plan community engagement process will provide information to Council in two specific areas:

1. The current status of recreation programming within West Kelowna that is being provided by the City and its partner providers (Boys and Girls Club, Active Living – Johnson Bentley Memorial Aquatic Centre for example) and to clarify the strengths of the programming and any gaps and weaknesses. Once this information is gathered the report will provide recommendations on the priority areas for improvement.
2. Assess the existing recreation facilities and determine what new indoor facilities or existing facility improvements are necessary to achieve the recommended recreation programming improvements.

During the months of March and April of this year staff undertook a request for proposals process to attain the services of a consultant to lead the process as indicated above. Through a strong interview and scoring procedure staff secured the services of Expedition Management Consulting and have been working with them over the last six weeks to create the timeline and process for community engagement and consultation. The attached document from Expedition provides the timeline and consultation process and dates that will begin this month. Council will also be contacted by Expedition for telephone interviews to attain Council's thoughts and wishes for the future of the provision of recreation and necessary facilities.

Within the timeline it should be noted that an update to Council will occur sometime in the Fall and that a draft Master Plan will be presented to Council in the Spring of 2020 with the final Master Plan presented to Council by March 31, 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The 2019 budget allocation for the Recreation Programming and Facilities Master Plan is \$115,000 and approximately \$94,000 has been committed at the date of this report.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Tracey Batten, Deputy CAO
Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: Yes X

Attachments:
Timeline and Engagement Plan