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## CITY OF KELOWNA

# MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** May 14, 2002  
**File No.:** 6140-20

**To:** City Manager

**From:** Parks Manager

**Subject:** Dehart Community Park Master Plan

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT City Council receive as information the May 14, 2002 report from the Parks Manager on the Dehart Community Park Master Plan.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In March of this year City Council requested that the Parks and Leisure Services Department prepare a Master Plan for the future Dehart Community Park. Dehart Community Park is proposed to be approximately 2 ha in size, 1 ha which will be acquired from the Reid property upon development and the remaining 0.8 ha through acquiring 2 private parcels. The 2 ha site will abut the Okanagan Community Hall Association land. True Consulting was hired to help in the development of the Master Plan.

On Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002 a meeting was held with a few members of the Okanagan Mission Residents Association, the Mission South Slopes Residents Association, Okanagan Mission Community Hall Association and the Boys Scouts of Canada. The purpose of the meeting was to gain information from these groups on community needs. Two days later on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, a public open house was held to further define community need for this park. The open house was attended by approximately 150 people and 80 surveys completed. Two thirds of the attendees desired the following park elements: washrooms, children's play areas, drinking fountain, preservation/enhancement of existing treed areas, multi-purpose lawn area for impromptu sports activities, parking, park security lighting, multiuse asphalt trail, and picnic facilities all of which would be typical elements found in a community park. In addition over 50% of the attendees desired seating nodes along walkways, quiet garden, naturalized planting, outdoor tennis, youth centre and just under half desired a Guides/Scouts meeting facility and a multi-recreational hard surface court.

Three options were developed based on community input. Option 'A' essentially was a community park with no indoor tennis, Option 'B' was similar to Option 'A' except it included an indoor tennis facility by enclosing the existing tennis courts on the Okanagan Mission Community Hall Association land and adds 3 outdoor courts on the community park and Option 'C' included an indoor tennis facility on the community park property. These options were reviewed by the Parks and Facilities Committee on April 11<sup>th</sup> and then by the general public on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Based on input from the community the majority of the public attending the open house preferred no indoor tennis courts on the community park.

Based on the input from the community a final Master Plan was developed as illustrated by Option 1A. The Dehart Community Park would include among other things, a multi-recreational hard surfaced court, children's playground, multi-purpose lawn area, multi-use asphalt trail, ornamental gardens, picnicking area, naturalized area, parking and a community building which would be used for a variety of community programs primarily for youth plus on site security and washrooms. We would expect a significant partnership with the Guides and Scouts prior to building a community building.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, staff and the consultant met with the Okanagan Mission Community Hall Association (OMCHA) to discuss their plans for an indoor tennis facility, capital costs, city contribution and responsibilities for over expenditures. They were unable to confirm if they were proceeding with an indoor facility. They will decide at their annual general meeting planned in June of this year. However if they do proceed with an indoor facility we would recommend that they build it on their property. In addition if they require 3 outdoor tennis courts to accomplish their business plan we could accommodate as per Option 1B. If OMCHA wishes to proceed with a partnership the Director of Parks and Leisure Services expects to forward a report to City Council in the near future detailing the proposed partnership.

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Parks Manager

cc     Director of Parks and Leisure Services  
       Director of Planning and Development Services  
       Director of Works and Utilities  
       Acting Parks and Design Supervisor

Enclosures