
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 28, 2004
File No.: 6300-02

To: Ron Born, City Manager

From: Joe Creron, Parks Manager

Subject: Tree Removal in Lebanon Creek Park and Kuiper's Peak Park

Prepared by: Ian Wilson, Urban Forestry Supervisor

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorize the removal of dangerous trees from the City-owned portion of Lebanon Creek and Kuiper's Peak Parks and that the areas be seeded and rehabilitated, as per the recommendations of Dobson Engineering Ltd.

AND THAT all costs associated with this project, estimated to total \$35,000, be charged to chartfield 1092-0-00120 with the 2004 Financial Plan amended with interim funding from the Insurance Deductible Reserve.

BACKGROUND

Dobson Engineering Ltd. (DEL) and affiliated forestry professionals have examined tree issues on certain City-owned properties in the burned areas. Crawford Falls Park has already been logged to remove hazardous trees. Similar work is required in Lebanon Creek and Kuiper's Peak Parks. Lebanon Creek Park comprises approximately 6 ha of undeveloped land adjacent to the Kettle Valley subdivision. Kuiper's Peak is approximately 3 ha and located adjacent to the Southridge subdivision.

Work is required in order to:

- Remove hazardous trees and make the areas safe for public use, and for tree planting and rehabilitation crews;
- Fill in stump holes;
- Rehabilitate an area in Lebanon Creek park that was severely eroded during rainstorms last October; and
- Take any additional rehabilitation measures recommended by DEL, including re-seeding.

Lebanon Creek Park contains some merchantable timber. The timber was put up to bid on January 27th, subject to Council approval. The best offer received was for \$501, which includes the cost of removal. Kuiper's Peak Park contains a negligible volume of merchantable timber.

Both parks will require additional work to clean up smaller, non-merchantable trees. Parks is planning to use a Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) partnership to clean up these sites, similar to the fuel reduction programs in the past.

The estimated cost for all work required is \$35,000. We will also attempt to recover some of these costs through the Provincial Emergency Program.

Joe Creron, Parks Manager

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 Urban Forestry Supervisor
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