CITY OF KELOWNA MEMORANDUM

Date: June 27, 2005

File No.: 6120-20

To: City Manager

From: Parks Manager

Subject: Community Park at Old KSS Site

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council approve the conceptual configuration proposed for the community park at the old Kelowna Secondary School (KSS) site as far as it relates to the size, location and boundaries of parkland proposed for the property and illustrated on the attached Figure 1.

AND THAT the Parks Division undertake design work and consultation as necessary to prepare a master plan for the park.

BACKGROUND:

In 2002 the City of Kelowna acquired the old KSS school property. A 2.0ha (4.9ac) portion of this 5.45ha (13.5ac) property was identified through the Parkland Acquisition Strategy in response to densification of the downtown area and the need to meet future demand for community park in the downtown area.

The Parks Division has prepared a layout plan for the property that defines the location and extent of the future community park. This plan was prepared in consultation with the Community Development and Real Estate Division, the Civic Properties Division and the Transportation Division to help guide future development of the entire site. The Transportation Division advises that the impacts of this plan on transportation as it relates to future development of the remainder of the KSS site include provision of a four-way intersection at Richter and DeHart, and loss of access to/from Rowcliffe.

In summary, the concept plan proposes the following (see Figure 1, following):

- That the park be located on the south portion of the property and that the size of the park be established at approximately 2.0ha (4.9 ac).
- That the boundaries of the park be defined by Richter Street (between Rowcliffe and Dehart Avenues), Rowcliffe Avenue and the adjacent residential properties to the west.
- That the north boundary of the park be defined generally as shown on the site plan, with the opportunity to modify this boundary to reflect future development or transportation opportunities on the remainder of the property while maintaining a park size of 2.0ha.
- The opportunity to adequately re-establish a sport field on the park portion of the property if and as required to meet the need for additional or interim sport field facilities.
- That the park function as a community level park, to serve the needs of residents in this densifying area of town.

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