

REPORT TO COUNCIL



Date: November 23, 2011
File: 1340-10
To: City Manager
From: Parks Planner
Subject: Community Recreation Program Grant Application for City Park - Waterfront Promenade

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Parks Planner dated November 23, 2011, with respect to Community Recreation Program Grant Application for City Park - Waterfront Promenade;

AND THAT Council endorses the City Park - Waterfront Promenade project for application to the Provincial Community Recreation Program Grant;

AND THAT Council endorses the funding request to the Provincial Community Recreation Program Grant in the amount of \$400,000.

AND FURTHER THAT Council commits the City's share of the funds, estimated at an additional \$590,000, from the following 2011 projects:

- i) City Park Construction (2556),
- ii) Partners' n Parks (2041), and
- iii) Ethel St. Land Acquisition (2031010).

Purpose:

A Council Resolution is required for the City to make application for the Community Recreation Program Grant and for Council to commit to the City's share of the costs.

Background:

The Provincial Government through the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development has announced a grant opportunity for civic projects that make communities healthier, more active places in which to live. Specifically, projects will be selected base on their contribution towards the following criteria:

- i. Extent to which the community is advancing the principle of being more physically active; and
- ii. Providing community health benefits.

Eligible projects focus on the construction of recreational infrastructure that increase physical activity by providing greater access to recreation facilities such as trails, bike paths, walkways, parks and playgrounds.

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To make application for the grant, the following requirements have been outlined by the Province:

- For construction, renewal, expansion or material enhancement of community public infrastructure;
- Construction not be started prior to application;
- Construction completion by March 31, 2015;
- Application needs to be supported by a resolution of Municipal Council that includes a commitment for City funding;
- Projects must meet the requirements of all applicable federal and provincial legislation;
- The cost sharing formula will be up to 80% provincial contribution (based on a maximum of \$400,000) with the balance being the applicant's contribution; and
- Application forms must be received at the Ministry by December 28, 2011.

A list of potential projects was generated by staff that focused on projects that meet the intent of the grant and are envisioned as part of an existing recreation and parks plan:

- City Park - New Children's Playground
- City Park - Waterfront Promenade
- Mission Recreation Park - Skateboard Park
- Mission Recreation Park - M72 Sport Field Lighting Upgrade
- Mission Recreation Park - Underground utilities for a future change room and washroom at the Artificial Turf Field
- Barlee Park - New neighbourhood park construction

City Park - Promenade

Careful consideration was given to each of the potential projects from multiple perspectives including life-cycle costing, financial affordability and appropriateness to the grant's objectives. Staff are recommending that the City Park - Waterfront Promenade be selected as the preferred project for the grant opportunity (see Attachment 1). The construction of a new waterfront promenade is needed between the Hot Sands concession stand and the point (near the former Pavilion building site) approximately 310 metres long. The existing walkway has a number of issues that warrant its immediate replacement:

- Significant structural issues with the walkway's base and on-going sand erosion;
- The paving materials are nearing the end of their service life;
- The walkway is too narrow to safely accommodate the high level of public use in the summer months; and
- Uneven surface material causes problems with mobility and safety.

The new promenade will be relocated further inland to ensure its long term sustainability. It will be 6.0 metres wide to accommodate the high volume of multi-use traffic (walkers, cyclists, roller bladers, wheelchairs, long boarders, etc.). It will connect the recently upgraded waterfront promenade (2008) south of the Hot Sands concession stand to the children's playground, skateboard park, children's water park, basketball courts, beach area and parking lot. The promenade design will include pedestrian lighting, irrigation retrofits, site furniture, drinking fountains and tree planting. It will also include removal and restoration of the old walkway along the beach front. The waterfront promenade project was included in the City Park Master Plan and is top priority for the parks program and is also part of the City Active Transportation Network connecting the Abbott Street Recreation Corridor with Downtown. The Waterfront Promenade project will be coordinated together with the Concession Stand and Washroom Replacement project from the Park Pavilion Fire Claim. The three (3) projects are

located immediately beside one another in the park and will be planned together as one larger integrated project (see Attachment 2).

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Design and detailed cost estimates have not yet been developed for the project and will be part of the project process. Variables that may affect cost include decisions regarding level of finish and materials and below ground conditions. Based on past experience and unit cost pricing from similar type projects, staff anticipate the costs of the Waterfront Promenade to be \$990,000.

The following is the proposed funding strategy for the project, with the City share to be funded in priority order from the following 2011 projects:

- i) City Park Construction (2556);
- ii) Partners 'n Parks (2042); and
- iii) Ethel Street Land Acquisition (2031010).

Funds are available from City Park Construction (2556) for this project and are consistent with the original allocation of the funds. Staff estimate that \$450,000 can be allocated from this fund to the Waterfront Promenade and will be used as the City's primary funding source.

Additional funds will be made available from the 2011 Partner 'n Parks program. The Waterfront Promenade project, with a significant contribution from the Province would qualify for the use of this fund. Staff estimate that \$62,000 can be allocated from this fund.

Finally, additional funds can be reallocated from the Ethel Street Land Acquisition project (2031010) as the necessary land was acquired for the project through development and the funds no longer needed. Up to \$188,000 can be allocated from this fund and form a contingency for the project.

Parks Services will maintain the promenade when construction is complete. No additional maintenance funds are anticipated for the project.

Internal Circulation:

Director, Financial Services
Director, Recreation and Culture
Manager Parks Services
Manager, Grants
Manager, Parks and Public Space Projects, Design & Construction

Existing Policy:

Construction of a Waterfront Promenade at City Park will contribute to the following multiple bottom line targets as identified in the Sustainable Municipal Infrastructure Policy No. 352;

Built Capital

- ensure that future generations will enjoy the same per capita value of built capital in the form of public infrastructure as enjoyed by the current generation.

Economic Capital

- infrastructure will provide a full range of reliable municipal infrastructure services at a Council approved level of service.

Social Capital

- connectivity to citizens, goods, services and to amenities of the built and natural environment will be provided for equitable access to services;
- Kelowna's public domain will be and feel safe and secure.

Cultural Capital

- venues for active participation in recreation to promote a healthy and engaged citizenship will meet benchmarks of model cities.

Financial Capital

- Kelowna will attract external investment to reduce the burden on the local taxpayer and/or ratepayer.

Governance and Organizational Capital

- an informed and inclusive public process will be the foundation to build transparency, accountability and partnerships in the City's capital program.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

External Agency/Public Comments
Legal/Statutory Authority
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements
Personnel Implications
Communications Comments
Alternate Recommendation

Submitted by:



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Approved for inclusion:

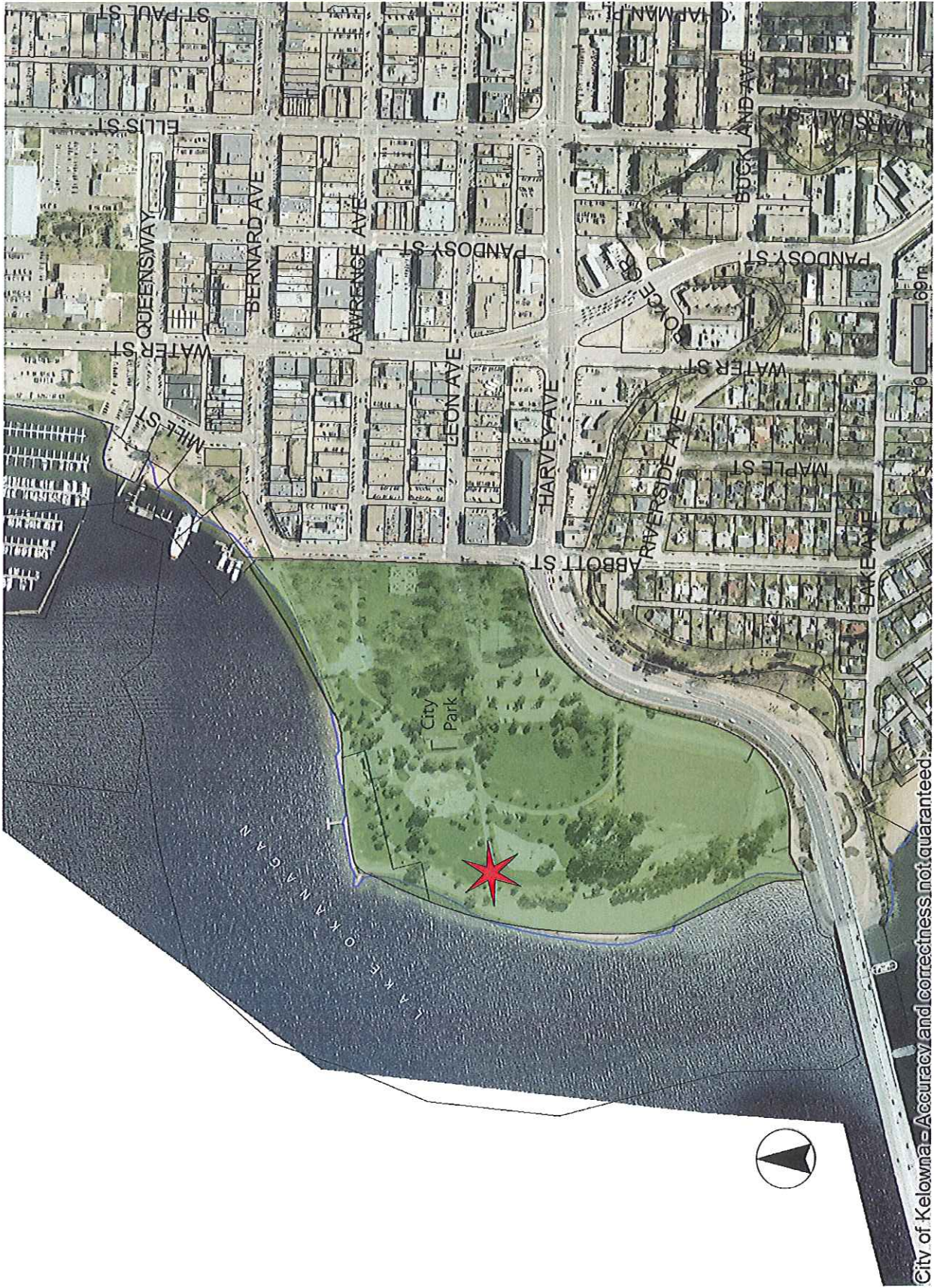


R. Cleveland, Director, Infrastructure Planning

Attachment 1: Location Map

Attachment 2: Concept Plan

cc: General Manager, Community Sustainability
Director, Financial Services
Director, Civic Operations
Director, Communications
Director, Design & Construction Services
Director, Strategic Initiatives



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Attachment 1: Location Map



NORTH

- 1** Existing path to be removed
- 2** New concrete path (6m wide)
- 3** Approximate limit of disturbance
- 4** Existing concrete
- 5** Existing concrete wall with railing



CITY PARK PROMENADE

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LOCATION PLAN



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KEY ISSUES



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CONCEPT PLAN



1 Existing path to be removed
2 New concrete path (5m wide)
3 Approximate limit of disturbance
4 Existing concrete
5 Existing concrete wall with railing

CITY PARK

CONCESSION STAND

PLAYGROUND

SKATE PARK

SPRAY PARK

LAWN BOWLS

TENNIS COURTS

ROSE GARDEN

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