

# Report to Council



**Date:** December 4, 2012  
**File:** 1340-10  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Parks Planner  
**Subject:** Potential Playground Partnership at the Community Park in the Ponds

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Parks Planner dated December 4, 2012, with respect to a Potential Playground Partnership at the Community Park in the Ponds.

AND THAT Council supports a partnership for the development of a playground on City parkland in the Ponds neighbourhood.

AND FURTHER THAT the 2012 Financial Plan be amended by \$81,000 for the Ponds Playground Partnership with \$40,000 from developer contributions and \$41,000 transferred from the Mission Recreation Park Softball Lighting project #3021.

## **Purpose:**

In order to take advantage of a proposed developer initiated partnership for development of an \$80,000 playground park in 2013 (based on a maximum capital contribution of \$40,000 from each party and \$1,000 for 2013 Operations and Maintenance costs by the City), the City needs to approve the partnership in concept and identify a funding source.

## **Background:**

The Ponds developer has recently approached the City with a proposal for a partnership for the design and construction of a playground at the community park site in the Upper Mission neighbourhood of the Ponds.

The community park site is located in the developing Ponds Neighbourhood, off of Steele Road, and is immediately adjacent to a future middle school site (see Attachment 1). There is a joint use agreement between School District #23 and the City for use of the future playing fields and parking. Middle schools do not usually provide playgrounds, so the community park will need to provide this type of amenity for the entire Ponds neighborhood and be designed to accommodate both tots and older children. The community park site will be connected to the neighbourhood through a network of trails including the Bellevue Creek Greenway, Powerline Park and Kuipers Peak Trail.

As per Objective 7.15 Policy .1, in the Kelowna 2030 Official Community Plan, it is the City's practice to enhance the quality of life for residents through promotion and development of partnerships on the construction of all classes of parks by giving them a higher priority for funding over other neighbourhood projects with no partnership contribution.

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Construction is anticipated in the summer of 2013. It is anticipated that 2013 Operations and Maintenance costs will be approximately \$1,000.

**Financial/Budgetary Considerations :**

Installation of lighting at the Mission Recreation Park softball complex was completed in early August 2012 and the low tender was under budget by approximately \$130,000, therefore it is requested that a portion of these surplus funds be transferred to facilitate this playground partnership.

Parks Services will need to include a budget request in the 2014 budget for ongoing Operations and Maintenance of this playground.

**Internal Circulation:**

Acting General Manager, Community Sustainability  
Director, Financial Services  
Director, Communications  
Manager, Parks & Public Places, Infrastructure Planning  
Manager, Parks Services  
Manager, Parks and Public Spaces, Design and Construction  
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**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

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

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Approved for inclusion:

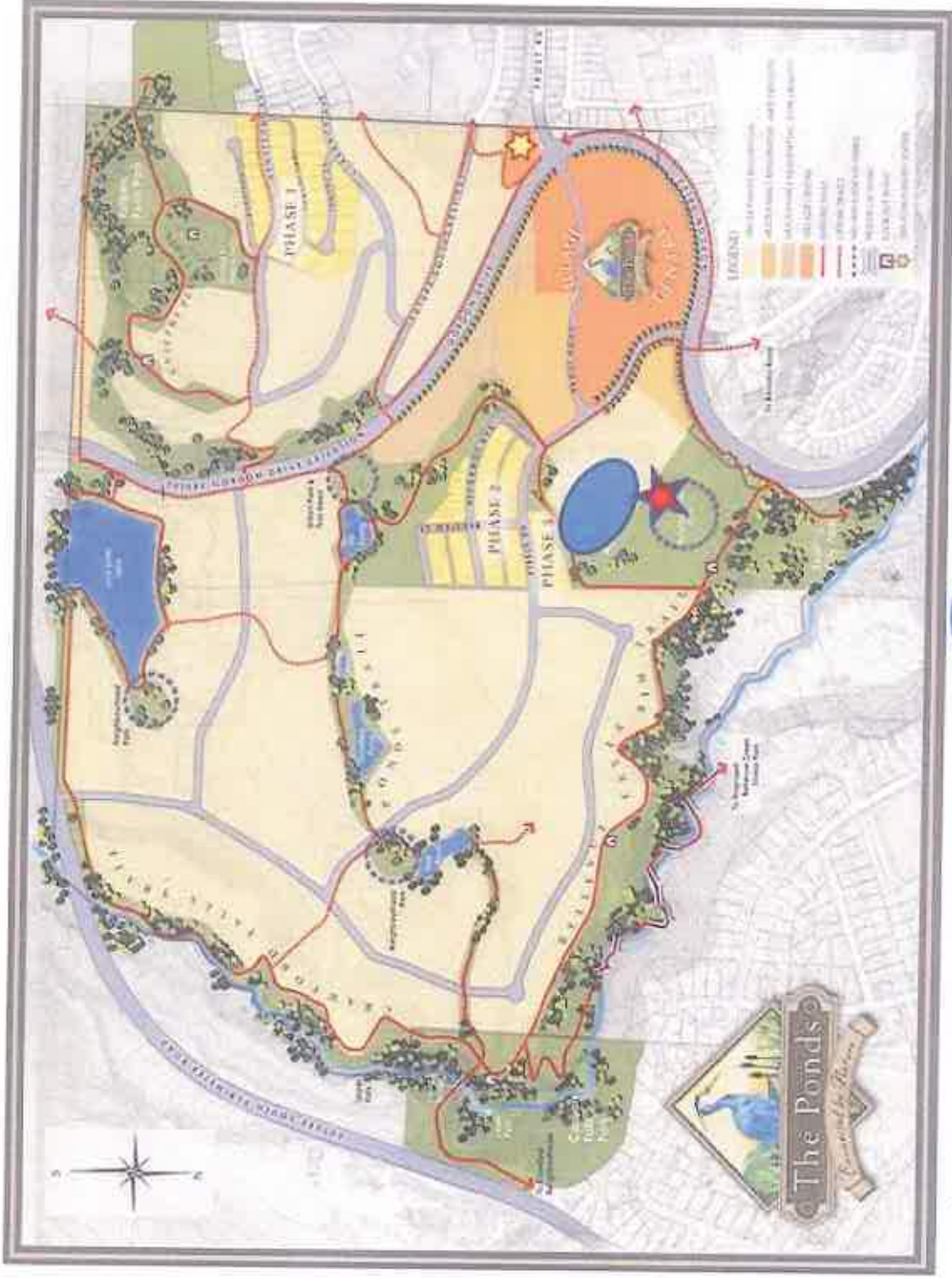


R. Cleveland, Director, Infrastructure Planning

Attachments 2: Context Plan  
Location Plan

cc: Acting General Manager, Community Sustainability  
Director, Civic Operations  
Director, Communications  
Director, Design & Construction  
Director, Financial Services  
Director, Infrastructure Planning

# Attachment 1: Context Plan



-  Proposed location of playground, adjacent to Middle School Site
-  Middle School Site

# Attachment 2: Playground Location Plan

