

REPORT TO: THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

FROM: COMMISSIONER PHIL FIELD, CHAIR, PARKS COMMITTEE

**RE: MEETING HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK CONFERENCE ROOM ON WEDNESDAY,
2006-NOV-09 AT 4:00 PM**

Present: Commission Field, Parks Committee Chair
Commissioner Sherry Commissioner Cameron
Commissioner Dempsey

Regrets: Commissioner Hamilton

Staff: R. Harding K. MacDonald

Commissioner Field, Parks Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS: Nil.

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. **Loudon Park and Trail Improvement Process Draft Plan.** The Commission hosted an open house at Beban Park on 2006-OCT-19 where the draft Loudon Park and Loudon Walkway Improvement Plan and redevelopment options were presented. The draft improvement plan was also posted on the City website for review. Over 150 people attended the open house to review and provide input on the draft plan. Comment sheets were available and over 35 were completed. Comments were compiled and reviewed by the Parks Committee. Of the 3 concepts presented, it was determined that Option "C" which reconfigures parking to the existing tennis court area, removes drive through traffic, proposes that the paddling/rowing dock as well as a future building and public washroom be situated to the west of park area and that the proposed fishing pier be situated in the area that the existing rowing dock is now located.

The next steps in the planning process are:

- The Parks Committee will recommend a Loudon Park and Loudon Trail Improvement Plan for Commission's consideration.
- The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission will recommend a Park Plan for City Council's approval.
- The City will implement the Loudon Park and Loudon Trail Improvement Plan as per Council's direction and as resources are allocated.

Recommendation:

It was moved and seconded that:

1. The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission recommends that Council adopt the Loudon Park and Trail Improvement Plan; and further,
2. The plan be implemented as resources are allocated.

Approved.

2. **Park Concessionaire (Vendors) Licences** – R. Harding advised the Parks Committee that the park vendor licences at Maffeo Sutton Park will expire at the end of 2006 (the existing licences were for 3 years). With the redevelopment plan underway for Maffeo Sutton Park and given that the property will be in flux over the next few years, direction is sought on what to do with vendors during this time frame. A consistent complaint that has been received over the years is that some vendors are only onsite during special events and do not provide vendor services on a regular basis. With this in mind, staff recommends that vendors be required to be onsite, weather permitting, at least 5 days week from May 15 to September 15.

All applications will be reviewed by the Parks Committee with recommendations of preferred vendors sent to the Commission for approval.

Recommendation:

It was moved and seconded that:

- 1) Vendor licences be advertised for a one year period with the option for two one year extensions dependent on the Maffeo Sutton Park redevelopment plan; and further,
- 2) Application guidelines specify a minimum number of days and hours of operation for vendors.

Approved.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD: Nil

MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:50 pm.