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SUBJECT HAREWOOD YOUTH PARK

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To obtain Finance and Audit Committee approval to move Phase 2 of the Harewood Youth Park Project from 2021 to 2020. |

### **Recommendation**

That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council direct staff to amend the 2019 – 2023 financial plan to accelerate Phase 2 of the Harewood Youth Park project to 2020 so that Phase 1 and Phase 2 can be constructed concurrently in 2020.

## **BACKGROUND**

The idea of a Youth or Skateboard Park at Harewood Centennial Park was included in the approved Harewood Centennial Park Improvement Plan (adopted by Council in 2011) and has received broad support from community partners. At the 2016-JUL-18 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting, it was moved that Council:

1. *“receive the design concept for the Youth Park at Harewood Centennial Park;”*
2. *“allocate \$27,000 to carry out Phase 2 detailed design from the current balance in the Knowles Estate fund; and,”*
3. *“support budgeting of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Youth Park project in the 10-year capital plan.”*

The report is attached as Attachment ‘B’ for reference. |

## **DISCUSSION**

The Harewood Youth Park was originally designed as two standalone areas that could be developed together or as separate phases. Phase 1 contains largely ‘street style’ terrain, and Phase 2 contains a ‘bowl’ feature (see attachment ‘A’ Harewood Skatepark Context plan).

The current financial plan currently has Phase 1 (\$614,675) of the Harewood Youth Park in 2019 with Phase 2 (\$164,565) budgeted for 2021. The design for both phases is complete and ready for tender. Construction is expected to start in early 2020 and be completed by mid 2020.

As part of the project planning process, Staff reviewed the options for project delivery. By combining the project phases, there is an anticipated cost savings, a lesser draw on staff resources, and disruption to the park would be minimized. |

## **OPTIONS**

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council direct staff to amend the 2019 – 2023 financial plan to accelerate Phase 2 of the Harewood Youth Park project to 2020 so that Phase 1 and Phase 2 can be constructed concurrently in 2020.
  - This option would result in an anticipated cost savings and reduce the amount of staff resources expended on the project. It would also decrease the disruption to park users, and the community groups advocating for the Youth Park will be pleased that the park will be completed in 2020.
  - Financial Implications: If Council approves accelerating Phase 2 of the Harewood Youth Park the budget of \$164,565 funded from the Community Works Fund will be moved from 2021 to 2020 in a future budget bylaw amendment for the 2019 – 2023 Financial Plan.
  
2. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend proceeding with the Project as currently budgeted.
  - Proceeding with the Project as currently budgeted is feasible, however, it would result in more staff resources and an overall budget increase. |

## **SUMMARY POINTS**

- Constructing both phases of the Harewood Youth Park concurrently in 2020 would result in cost savings and a more efficient use of staff resources.
- Amendment of the financial plan would be required to accelerate Phase 2 from 2021 to 2020.
- The project is expected to start construction in early 2020 and be completed by mid-2020.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Harewood Skatepark Context Plan

Attachment B - RPT160718\_HarewoodYouthPark |

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