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SUBJECT ROYAL OAK PARTERS IN PARKS PROJECT CANCELLATION

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report:**

To inform the Finance and Audit Committee that the Royal Oak Park Partners In Parks Project has been cancelled.

## **BACKGROUND**

Royal Oak Park is a .1 hectare park located in the Westwood/College Heights neighbourhood of Nanaimo. This park was acquired in 2014 through subdivision and is Zoned PRC-2. In 2019 a neighbourhood group gathered and successfully applied to the Partners in Parks program securing \$25,000 in funds. The Partners in Parks (PIP) program was paused between 2020 and 2022 due to the pandemic.

The PIP program was initiated by City Council in 1982 to develop neighbourhood parks and projects. Each year, approximately \$100,000 is budgeted to the program and neighbourhood representatives work with City staff to develop their projects to apply to have a portion of the funds allocated to their project.

## **DISCUSSION**

Since the PIP program restarted in the fall 2022 City staff have contacted the neighbourhood group in support of this project. Some of them have moved away and the group is now disbanded, there is no ability at this time to proceed with the project as envisioned. For this reason, the Royal Oak PIP project is cancelled.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The PIP funds, carried forward from 2019, will be added back to the "PIP unallocated" fund and will be available to other groups.

## **CONCLUSION**

If in future the neighbourhood is interested in developing Royal Oak Park through the PIP process, they will be able to apply again and will be able to utilise some of the work that was undertaken as part of project planning in 2019.

### **SUMMARY POINTS**

- \$25,000 of PIP funds were awarded to the Royal Oak Park PIP project in 2019.
- The PIP program was paused in 2020 and the group disbanded and the project is now cancelled.
- The funds will be added back to the “PIP unallocated” fund and will be available to other groups.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Royal Oak Arbot (2) Park PIP Grant Proposal  
Attachment B: Royal Oak Park Proposal 2019  
Attachment C: Royal Oak Park Site Plan 2019 |

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