



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor Schaffer and Councillors**

Subject **Hunter Park Redevelopment Task Group**

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From: Rick Bomhof, P. Eng.
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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approved the attached terms of reference dated January 10, 2017 for the Hunter Park Redevelopment Task Group.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to request Council's approval to create the Hunter Park Redevelopment Task Group.

POLICY:

Council policy CO-59 'Creation of Task Groups Guiding Principles.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

As a result of laminated root rot in Hunter Park over 100 trees had to be removed from the park. These removals, from what was predominantly a remnant urban forest, have dramatically altered the look and feel of the park. As part of the public communication process regarding the disease and tree removals the City of Langley



committed to initiate a park redevelopment plan once the removals have been completed. Staff is recommending a task group be created consisting of:

- 1 designate from local school PAC Committee
- 4 designates from local neighbourhood (preferably 2 property owners whose property is contiguous to the park and 2 not contiguous to the park to a maximum distance of 750m from the park)
- Manager, Parks Operations
- Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment
- Council Liaison

A public open house will be held to receive general public input to assist the Task Group.

The Task Group will review the input from the public open house, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan and will consider both passive and active uses within the park. It is projected that the task will be completed April 10, 2017 and a recommendation report will be submitted for the April 24, 2017 Council agenda. The proposed terms-of-reference for the task group is attached.

It is expected that the local residents selected for the Task Group will not be specialists in park design or in leading a task group so the terms-of-reference notes that Geoff Mallory, Manager, Parks Operations will chair the Task Group.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

As the task group is primarily geared to a review exercise there are no budget implications. There is a 2017 Capital budget request before Council for consideration for design and construction of the park redevelopment.

ALTERNATIVES:

None



SUMMARY:

Hunter Park recently had a significant number of trees removed due to the discovery of laminated root rot which weakens the roots making trees more susceptible to windfalls. This tree removal program changed the park from a passive forest to a more open park with some interspersed trees. A 2017 capital budget request has been made to redevelop the park. It is recommended that a Hunter Park Redevelopment Task Group be created, consisting largely of local residents, to review and propose redevelopment options for Council's consideration. If approved the Task Group would submit a report for Council approval at the April 23, 2017 Council meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Attachment(s):

I support the recommendation.



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Chief Administrative Officer

