



Terms of Reference

Hunter Park Redevelopment Task Group

January 2017

1.0 Background:

Hunter Park is located in the Southwest side of the city on 45A Avenue, west of 200th Street. The park was a remnant urban forest with a playground and walking trails.

During the spring and summer of 2016 after numerous tree failures a disease known as laminated root rot was diagnosed in many of trees and tree stumps. Laminated root rot spreads by root to root contact to susceptible trees and can remain viable for up to 50 years. Following the recommendations from an urban forest consultant the Douglas fir and Western hemlock trees within 15 meters of infected trees and tree stumps in the park were removed to mitigate the risk to human health and private property surrounding the park.

This removal of over 100 trees has dramatically changed the look and function of the park, as these trees comprised over 60% of the tree canopy and forest cover of the park. As the disease remains viable for up to 50 years susceptible tree species such as Douglas firs and Western hemlock cannot be replanted during that time period.

While it is unfortunate that so many trees had to be removed and the remnant urban forest is no longer a forest, the remaining cedar trees and deciduous trees still provide a unique park like setting. This has now created an opportunity to redevelop the park.

A task group is being created to provide recommendations to City of Langley Council regarding to redevelopment plans for the park.

2.0 Mandate:

The mandate for the Hunter Park redevelopment task group is to provide recommendations for the redevelopment of Hunter Park taking into consideration:

- Public input received from neighbourhood open house on suggestions for park amenities
- Opportunities for both passive and active use of the park
- Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan

3.0 Task Force Composition:

3.1 Membership:

- 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)

3.2 Staff Liaison

- Manager, Parks Operations – City of Langley
- Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment

3.3 Council Liaison

- Langley City Councilor Liaison to be appointed by council

4.0 Reporting Relationship:

The Hunter Park Redevelopment Task Group will report and present to the City of Langley Council its findings and recommendations.

5.0 Accountability:

The Hunter Park Redevelopment Task Group is accountable to the City of Langley Council. The task force will not have the authority to give direction to staff or to commit to expenditures of municipal funds.

6.0 Meetings:

The Task Group will meet at the discretion of the Chair in a facility provided by the City of Langley. Notwithstanding the City of Langley 'Creation of Task Groups Guiding Principles Policy' the Task Group Chair will be the Manager, Parks Operations.

7.0 Funding:

As the Task Group is primarily geared to a review exercise no funds have been allocated.

8.0 Terms:

The term of the Task Group shall cease on April 10, 2017. The term of the Task Group may be extended as approved by the City of Langley Council to allow the Task Group to fulfill its mandate.

9.0 Deliverables:

Task	Projected Date
1. Review and Finalize ToR for Task Group	January 10, 2017
2. Submit the ToR to City Council for Approval	January 23, 2017
3. Advertise for Public Members & Neighbourhood Open House	January ³⁰ , 2017
4. Select public members	3 weeks after ad placement
5. Conduct Neighbourhood Open House on Park Redevelopment	February 20 th , 2017
6. Review input from open house and summarize comments and recommendations	March 2017
8. Submit Task Group findings and recommendations to City Council	April 10th, 2017