

Request for Decision

Bleazard Valley Ball Field

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Committee

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Recommendation

WHEREAS Council approved a 2015 Capital budget allocation in the amount of \$80,000 to relocate the ball field located at Bleazard Valley Park;

AND WHEREAS Council at the July 6, 2015 Community Services Standing Committee requested a report to review options and cost estimates to relocate the field to Centennial Arena Park or to relocate the field at Bleazard Valley Park;

AND WHEREAS options and costs have been included for Council's consideration including retrofitting the field at the current location;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury approves option ____ regarding the baseball field located at Bleazard Valley Park.

Finance Implications

Council approved a Capital allocation of \$80,000 as part of the 2015 Capital program. The allocation was to address issues related to the existing ball field located at Bleazard Valley Park.

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Health Impact Review

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Health Impact Assessment

The proposed changes of location will not impact the existing service levels due to the options identified to further retrofit or relocate the existing ball field.

Background

Back in 2010 the Royal Meadows subdivision was approved for construction in Bleazard Valley. The new subdivision development is abutting the existing Bleazard playground. The subdivision was recently completed and the home owner residing next to the park has expressed concerns related to the location of the existing ball field. The ball field backstop abutts the home owner's property and there have been

concerns related to the foul balls landing on the owner's property. The department has considered a number of options in the last few years to attempt to resolve the issues which included relocating adult users to other fields and allow minor baseball exclusive access to the existing field. In addition, the department has installed additional meshing along the backstop with the objective of eliminating the problems. The retrofit has assisted in reducing the concerns expressed by the home owner.

In 2015, Council approved a Capital allocation of \$80,000 to relocate the Blezard Valley ball field within the existing Blezard Valley Park in order to eliminate future issues related to the abutting home owner. The department has requested cost estimates to relocate the ball field within Blezard Valley Park, relocating the field to Centennial Arena Park and to review options for further security/retrofit measures at the existing location. The following is a summary of the cost breakdown.

a) Retrofit to existing ball field

The retrofit would include:

- Baseline fence retrofit – removal of approximately 50 feet of the first baseline fencing adjacent to property owner and install fence posts to support additional protective netting to bring the netting height up to same level as existing backstop.
- Backstop retrofit - removal of existing backstop, installation of stronger support posts and re-installation of backstop/netting.

Estimated cost: \$10,000

b) Relocate ball field to Centennial Arena site

The following is a cost estimate to relocate the field located at Blezard Valley Park to Centennial Arena. The option would increase the number of fields at Centennial Arena from two fields to three ball fields.

Estimated cost: \$400,500

c) Relocate (reconfigure) ball field at Blezard Valley Park

The option includes repositioning the existing field by relocating the field away from the existing abutting home owner.

Estimated cost: \$66,000

Conclusion:

As requested, options and cost estimates to the Blezard Valley ball field have been prepared for Council's consideration.