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Update - Parks, Open Space & Leisure Master Plan Review

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Recommendation

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Background

The City of Greater Sudbury's Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan was completed in conjunction with the Parks, Open Space and Leisure background study for the City's new Official Plan in 2006. The department has been successful in implementing the majority of the recommendations included in the original plan.

Master plans are updated every five years and rewritten every ten years to reflect emerging needs and issues.

Monteith Brown Planning Consultant (MBPC) was hired in August 2013, to conduct the review. Building off the existing Master Plan, the purpose of the review is to create a realistic framework for the delivery of cost effective, high quality parks and recreation facilities, programs and services. The focus of the Master Plan review is on recreation facilities, parks, trails, leisure services and programming with a view to meeting the changing needs of the community over the next twenty years.

Inventories of existing facilities and services, new initiatives, changes in leisure demands and trends will be incorporated as part of the review.

The following tasks are included as part of the Master Plan review.

Phase 1 – Analysis of Parks and Facilities

- Analysis of updated demographic projections and trends.
- Background material review.
- Parks and facility inventory and mapping.
- Staff interviews and workshops to identify key issues and opportunities.

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- Targeted review of 2004 Master Plan action items.
- Parks and facility needs assessment.
- Implementation strategy.
- Background report – Master Plan review (phase 1).

Phase 2 – Public Engagement and Analysis of Programming, Service Delivery and Special Projects

- Official plan parks policy review.
- Online surveys (solicit public input on Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan needs and priorities including feedback on the Therapeutic Pool Feasibility Study).
- Program review.
- Service delivery review.
- Special interest facility review.
- Public meetings.
- Interviews with members of Council.
- Final deliverable – Master Plan review.
- Presentation to Community Services Committee on June 16, 2014.

As identified in the council report, phase 2 will include public engagement and analysis of programming, service delivery and special topics. The public engagement strategies will include an on-line survey and open houses to ensure input from citizens, stakeholders and user groups.

A. On-line Survey

A bilingual on-line survey will be developed to obtain public input on parks, open space, leisure needs and priorities. The survey will be posted on-line and promoted for 1 month from March 24, 2014 to April 24, 2014.

B. Public Consultation

The open houses will be scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. The following are the recommended dates and locations:

- Lionel E. Lalonde Centre – Azilda (Monday, May 12, 2014)
- Walden Citizen Service Centre/Library (Monday, May 12, 2014)
- Garson Citizen Service Centre/Library (Tuesday, May 13, 2014)
- Howard Armstrong Recreation Complex (Tuesday, May 13, 2014)
- Tom Davis Square - Foyer (Wednesday, May 14, 2014)

C. Interviews with Members of Council

Interviews with members of Council will be scheduled seeking input to the 2014 Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan review.

The final report on the Parks, Open Space and Leisure Master Plan review will be presented to the Community Services Committee on June 16, 2014. The final report will identify detailed strategies that will guide the ongoing provisions and management of municipal parks, leisure services and facilities for the next 20 years.