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Town of Aurora
Memorandum
Community Services

Re: Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Draft 1 Presentation

To: Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: John Firman, Manager, Business Support

Date: April 12, 2023

Recommendation

1. That the memorandum regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Draft 1 Presentation be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Draft 1 Presentation be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Background

The firm of Monteith Brown Planning Consultants was retained in May of 2022 to complete an updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP). The last PRMP was approved by Council in 2016 and was intended as a five-year master plan.

Analysis

This Draft PRMP was presented to Council on April 4, 2023 in order to provide Council with an understanding of the work completed to date.

The Draft PRMP as presented, represents the consultants' initial findings and recommendations based on the research and consultations to date, industry best practices, and a review of current program offerings and facilities at the Town of Aurora.

The final PRMP will establish a framework for future development of parks and recreation related programming, projects and facilities.

Considerable community, staff and Council consultation was undertaken in the development of the Draft PRMP.

Beginning in the summer of 2022 a number of measures were taken to obtain input from the community, sports groups, staff and Council, including:

- Formation and consultation with a staff Steering Committee
- Consultation sessions with front-line staff in the Operational Services and Community Services Departments
- Community Survey
- Public Open House (cancelled due to low registration)
- Pop-up consultation at the Aurora Farmers Market
- Consultation sessions with members of Council
- User Group Consultation Sessions
- Written submissions from individuals and community sport organizations and other interested stakeholders

Monteith Brown has continued to receive input from various groups and individuals through to February, 2023.

Additional community, staff and Council feedback is invited in response to the Draft PRMP.

Subsequent to the presentation of the Draft PRMP, the following steps will be taken to complete the final Master Plan:

- Council invited to review the Draft report and provide any further input
- Public Open House scheduled for May 1st
- Draft Plan circulated to user groups for review and further input
- Accessibility Advisory Committee and Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee review in April
- Steering Committee to finalize PRMP
- Council presentation to approve PRMP

Feedback is requested to be provided to John Firman (jfirman@aurora.ca) no later than May 3rd.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Draft)

Attachment 2 – Presentation - Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Draft)