

**Date:** 2024-01-15

**Subject:** **Request to Begin Procurement – Design and Construction of Park Amenities at Black Forest Park – Ward 9**

**Contact:** Ed Fagan, Director, Parks Maintenance & Forestry

**Report Number:** Community Services-2024-040

**Recommendations:**

1. That the report from Ed Fagan, Director, Parks Maintenance & Forestry Division to the Committee of Council Meeting of January 31, 2024, re: **Request to Begin Procurement – Design and Construction of Park Amenities at Black Forest Park – Ward 9** be received; and
2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurement for the design and construction of park amenities at Black Forest Park - Ward 9.

**Overview:**

- **The purpose of this report is to obtain authorization to commence the procurement for the design and construction of park amenities at Black Forest Park.**
- **The park is approximately 13 acres in size, with a north and south location consisting of an existing playground, (2) shade shelters, various pathway connections and open green spaces.**
- **To further utilize the available parkland, it is recommended that the existing playground be replaced and additional amenities installed to meet the needs of residents.**
- **Sufficient funding is available in the 2024 Parks Maintenance & Forestry Capital Budget.**

**Background:**

The Parks Maintenance & Forestry Division aims to maximize the utilization of available parkland, to better support the health and well-being of residents.

Black Forest Park located in Ward 9, consists of two areas (north and south), approximately 13 acres in size. It has been recommended that the park be redeveloped to include creative and diverse amenities for residents of all ages and abilities.

**Current Situation:**

The park currently has a playground, (2) shade shelters various pathway connections and open green spaces.

The scope of work is anticipated to include dedicated tennis and pickleball courts, multi-purpose pad, dog park and the replacement of the existing playground to further improve the park.

All development and construction will be in accordance with applicable Municipal, Regional and Provincial standards and in consultation with area Councillors.

**Corporate Implications:**

Financial Implications:

Sufficient funding is available for the initiatives from the following capital projects as follows:

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Project</b>
Playground Sand Conversion to Rubber Surfacing	245865-001
Tennis, Pickleball, Basketball & Dog Park	245865-014

Departmental staff will ensure that sufficient funds are requested through the subsequent budget submissions for this initiative, subject to Council approval.

Purchasing Implications:

A public Procurement Process will be conducted, and Purchase approval shall be obtained in accordance with the Procurement documents and the Purchasing By-law.

All communication with Bidders involved in the procurement must occur formally, through the contact person identified in the Bid Document.

**Strategic Focus Area:**

**Health & Well-being:** Focusing on citizens' belonging, health, wellness, and safety, by continuing to design, build and maintain community assets that will encourage active and healthy lifestyles, while improving the mental health of all ages and abilities.

**Conclusion:**

This report recommends that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurement for the design and construction of park amenities at Black Forest Park.

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