

AGENDA

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

5:00 p.m.

Committee Room, Municipal Hall

355 West Queens Road,

North Vancouver, BC

Council Members:

Mayor Richard Walton

Councillor Roger Bassam

Councillor Robin Hicks

Councillor Mike Little

Councillor Doug MacKay-Dunn

Councillor Lisa Muri

Councillor Alan Nixon



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1. Opening by the Mayor

2. Tax Distribution

File No. 05.1705.20/000.000

Presentation: Nicole Deveau, General Manager – Finance & Technology

3. Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan

File No. 13.6660.01/000.000

Joint Presentation:

- Gavin Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities
- Richard Boulton, Manager – Parks
- Rick Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning
- Susan Haid, Manager – Sustainable Community Development
- Susan Rogers, Section Manager – Parks Planning

Memo: Susan Rogers, Section Manager – Parks Planning and Parks Development

4. Adjournment

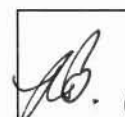
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The District of North Vancouver REPORT TO COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION

April 5, 2012

File: 12.6100.20/000.000

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AUTHOR: Susan Rogers, Section Manager – Parks Planning & Park Development

SUBJECT: Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan – Council Workshop

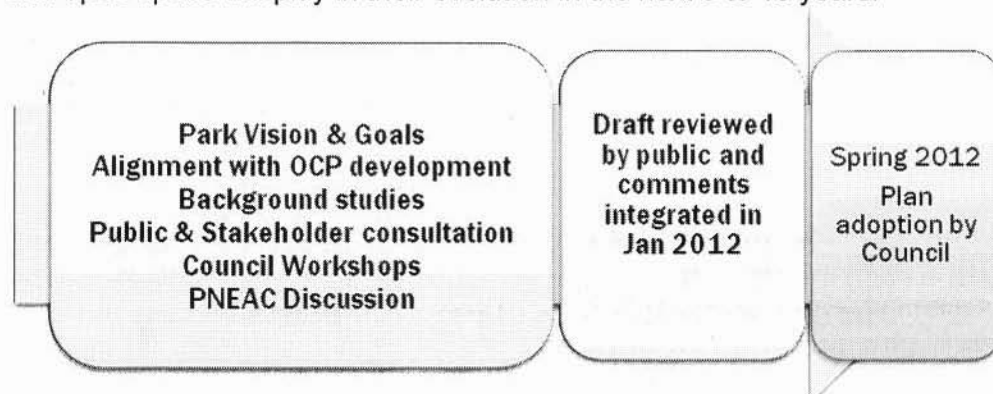
RECOMMENDATION: That Council receive this information report and “briefing note” on the Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan.

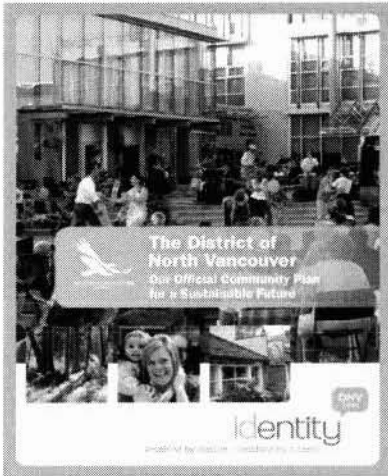
REASON FOR REPORT:

This briefing note presents the draft POSSP Vision and Priorities which support the network of centres for Council information and comment. Staff will be presenting this information in further detail on April 17th, 2012. As part of the OCP and POSSP study process during 2010/2011, Parks staff facilitated several presentations and workshops with Council to refine the POSSP as it evolved into its current draft form. The POSSP was developed in parallel with the OCP process, and builds upon many of the recommendations that emerged from the OCP, primarily from the Parks and Environment sections. The POSSP document is one of the Strategic Action Plans identified in the OCP, along with the Transportation Plan, the Climate Action Plan and others. The complete draft report can be viewed at <http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=1096>.

BACKGROUND:

While the POSSP addresses a wide spectrum of park opportunities and issues, the strategic priorities support the successful development of the planned network of centres, and the key role that parks and open space will play in their evolution in the next 5 to 10 years.



OCP Context

The OCP provides a plan for growth management and urban structure for the District. Its vision, goals and policies provide an overall framework for a more detailed implementation plan. The POSSP is a strategic action plan for the integration of park and open space planning with land use planning. It identifies park and outdoor recreational needs, trends and gaps, and provides recommendations to address those needs. It integrates park planning projects and initiatives into a centralized umbrella document. It identifies deficiencies in the present parks system and proposes new facilities to address short and long term community needs. It also identifies projects with a strong environmental direction to guide a park sustainability framework. It outlines future capital projects and priorities within a 10 year framework.

Town and Village Centre Implementation Plans are currently being prepared for four growth centres identified in the OCP, which include Lower Lynn, Lynn Valley, Lower Capilano-Marine and Maplewood. These plans will guide development applications in these centres and facilitate effective integration of parks and greenways. The Parks Department will be working closely with Planning in the design and planning phases of the park and open space components.

Why Have a Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan?

This document will help to provide vision and direction for the development, maintenance, and renewal of the District's parks and open spaces for the next ten years. The draft document and additional background information have been posted on the DNV website (<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?c=1096www.dnv.org>) for public review and comment. As part of the research phase for the POSSP, a Parks Background Document was also created which analyses and reviews the status of District parks since 1991, when the previous Parks Master Plan was undertaken.

The public, staff, Council, and Parks and the Natural Environment Advisory Committee were consulted throughout the POSSP planning process. The report also describes park and demographic trends, including the results of public surveys. The POSSP provides an opportunity to meet with public and Council to explore the status of district parks, and the direction to move forward.

Council Input

In 2010, Parks held several workshops with Council to review and seek input on parks related "hot topics" which are listed below. The workshop dates were March 8, May 11, June 14, and November 5. The revised draft report recommendations integrate many of Council's comments and concerns arising at those workshops.

- Dog Management
- Stewardship & Volunteers
- Trails & Environment - Trails also referenced in Town and Village Centre Planning and Design
- Commercial Use & Special Events
- Sponsorship, Funding & Revenue Sources

ANALYSIS:

Park Vision

"The District of North Vancouver will provide a diverse and interconnected parks and trail system which protects and enhances the ecological integrity and beauty of our natural environment, promotes sustainability, active living and accessibility, and foster the development of community stewardship, identity, spirit and culture for current and future generations."

Goals for the Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan

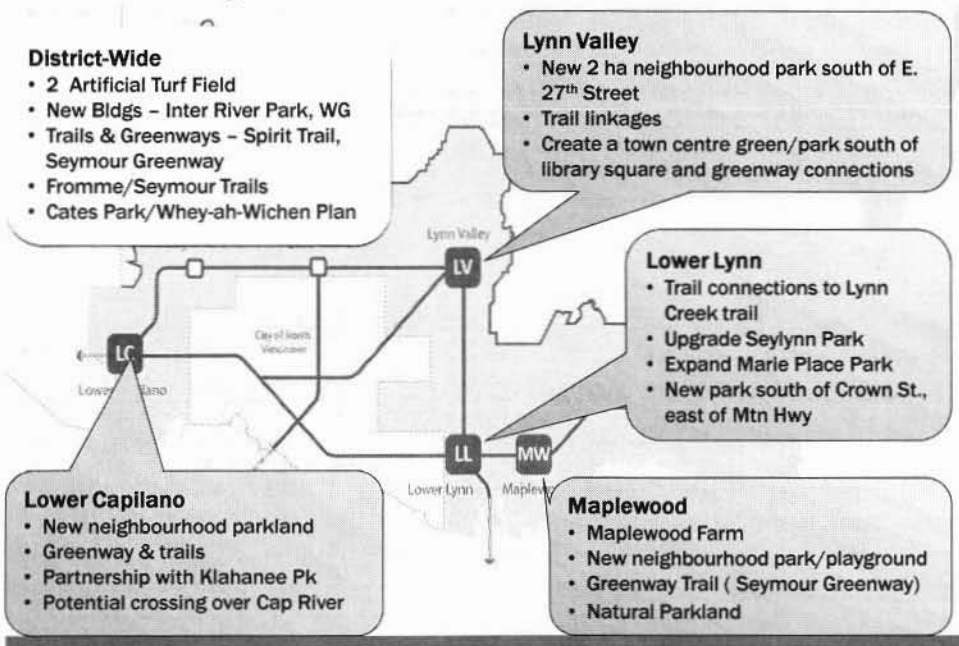
The following goals were developed with public input, and provide an over arching framework for more detailed objectives and recommended actions.

- Goal 1 – Meet Changing Needs & Demands
- Goal 2 – Manage Assets & Infrastructure
- Goal 3 – Strengthen Trails & Greenway System
- Goal 4 – Promote Ecological Integrity & Stewardship
- Goal 5 – Expand Community Partnerships & Education
- Goal 6 – Address Funding Challenges through Funding Strategies

Town and Village Centres – Meeting Parks and Open Space Needs in the Context of Development

The land use concepts for the four town and village centres include recommendations for future parks, greenways and open spaces. Some key priorities for parks and greenways in the town centres are summarized below.

Summary of Priorities



New District Wide Park Infrastructure

In addition to the Network of Growth Centre recommendations, the POSSP also contains recommendations for the renewal and revitalization of the District parks system which supports the growth centres, with emphasis on the renewal of park buildings and structures, sports fields and play facilities. In addition to the new park and open space priorities related to the growth areas, the plan discusses new District-wide additions that include the following projects:

- Sports fields - 2 additional ATF fields (partnering with CNV & School District)
- New buildings - Inter River Park Tournament Centre, William Griffin, Norgate, Delbrook
- District-wide greenway linkages – i.e. Spirit Trail, Seymour River Greenway
- Improving Alpine trail systems on Seymour & Fromme mountain areas
- Improving waterfront access & water based recreation
- Implementing Cates Park/Whey-ah-Wichen Master Plan, including the construction of a new Feasthouse/Concession/Washroom

Park Revitalization – Asset Management and Life Cycle Planning

Many of the older parks require revitalization to ensure they meet current recreational needs, and provide safe and healthy places in which to recreate. The report provides asset management and life cycle planning recommendations for important park facilities that include sports fields, play facilities, buildings, trails, signage, landscape and street trees.

Natural Parkland – Align with OCP Goals for Sustainability & Stewardship

Recognizing the importance of our natural parkland in sustaining a healthy ecosystem, the report includes recommendations regarding the protection and strengthening of our environmentally sensitive areas, forestlands and riparian areas. It also includes recommendations on community stewardship, the protection of forest character through watershed management, the expansion of forest restitution and invasive plant programs, and dog and wildlife management in the context of parks and natural areas.

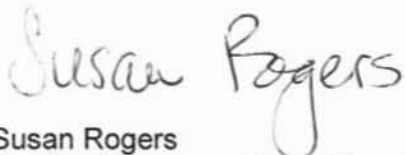
FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

Finance has analyzed the strategic priorities of the Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan as it relates to the OCP overall, with a focus on town centres. As articulated during the OCP process, the Network of Centres concept results in an economical use of financial resources and a positive revenue contribution.

The Parks and Open Space Strategic Plan is a candidate for funding from development servicing, DCCs, CACs, the tax levy as well as funding from senior levels of government. Further information on financial implications of parks infrastructure and other key priorities of OCP implementation (i.e. servicing, transportation, utilities, and amenities) will be provided through ongoing analyses and updates on the financial framework being developed as part of the OCP implementation. Individual projects will still need to be approved through the capital planning process after a business case is provided.

NEXT STEPS:

The draft POSSP report has been reviewed by the public, the Parks and Natural Environment Advisory Committee, the Community Sports and Recreation Committee, and other stakeholder groups. Public comments were integrated into the draft report in January 2012. Following Council's review and workshop, a final report will be brought forward for approval in Spring, 2012.



Susan Rogers
Section Manager – Parks Planning

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