



Special Council Agenda

March 19, 2009 – 3:30 p.m.

Conference Room

8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, BC

A. PARKS, TRAILS, & BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

- (1) Draft Plan amendments to previously circulated report prepared by Lees & Associates

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B. ADJOURNMENT

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PAGE	COMMENT
7	This Master Plan is intended to provide a 10 -15 year vision for the community, to guide the District's management of its resources and facilities and to provide credibility in leveraging funds from senior government and other funding sources for a wider range of projects. This Plan is like a budget in terms of its establishing targets but not policy, and therefore has no direct implication on taxes.
22	Concerns for personal safety in public places: <i>Italicized text to be revised to read: "It is important that parks and open space in Mission be designed and managed to maintain their reputation and functionality as safe, attractive amenities for all residents."</i>
19; 33	<p>The source for population projections used in this document was Stats BC's (P.E.O.P.L.E. projections), which are annual projections generated by the provincial government, based on past and current information about geographic areas around the province. These projections are made available to the public as a consistent and statistically defensible source of data for general planning purposes.</p> <p>Based on Council comments and discussion, we have compared the population numbers used by the District of Mission's Planning Department and included in the OCP with the population projections used in this document. For the benchmark dates of 2016 and 2026, the numbers used in the current OCP are 20% and 28% lower. Using these numbers would delay the points at which new District, Community and Sports Parks would be needed. Whichever projections are used, however, the value of this table is its ability to identify the population-based levels at which the District should provide new parks in order to maintain a level of service provided by comparable municipalities around BC.</p> <p>We will the following note below the table on page 33: <i>"The key issue is that projected deficiencies in park supply are based on projected rates of growth. If growth does not occur at the projected rate, deficiencies may not arise as indicated. Dates are included to provide a timeframe only and should not be understood as triggers for parkland acquisition."</i></p>
33	In response to a question regarding possible oversupply of parkland: There do not appear to be any areas that are oversupplied with park space in the classes for which we have numbers. There are, however, some designated park areas that may be considered for return to ESA status and left to naturalize to reduce future maintenance. Some management may be needed to control invasive species in the short term.
24	Sidebar will be replaced with a citation from more credible source.
28 - 31	Like provincial or regional parks, park facilities on school properties are not included in the park inventory because these lands are not owned by the District. The joint use agreement between Mission and School District 75 has been very successful. This point and the need to maintain this relationship will be clarified in the final Plan.
29; 31	Heritage Park Secondary School will be added to this list. A colour key will also be added.

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<p>36; 39 - 40</p>	<p>The first priority area for developing new parkland is south of 7th Avenue in the downtown core. It has been suggested that a park in this area would serve downtown residents, notably children and those attending daycares in this area, as well as residents who work downtown, shoppers and visitors. An "urban style" of park may be most appropriate, with decorative elements such as planting, seating and tables but no typical play structure. A site adjacent to the library was suggested, but this has since been determined to be slated for other development. Specific sites have not been suggested for this or any other future park due to the likelihood of having to purchase property with public funds.</p>
<p>43 - 46</p>	<p>This section focuses on summarizing existing need for key sport facilities based on standards of service provided by comparable BC municipalities. The Master Plan suggests filling current needs first; however, specific sports with strong local interest (such as track and field, tennis and cricket) may also merit consideration for new facilities, based on staff review and prioritization of projects.</p>
<p>45</p>	<p>Picnic Shelter section to include the statement: "Park shelters are suggested for Griner Park and Centennial Park, where they can fill the year-round need for gathering places for seniors who enjoy spending time together outdoors."</p>
<p>51</p>	<p>Point 13: second bullet to be revised to read: "Create new community gardens when District lands become available and when there is a demonstrated community need and public desire for this type of facility." Caption under the photos at the bottom of this page to be replaced with: "Existing conditions at the Skate Park and Community Gardens site."</p>
<p>52 - 65</p>	<p>Proposed off-leash areas are schematic and will require community input and site-specific design, per the guidelines provided. We will increase the line item allowance for off-leash dog parks to \$30,000 to ensure that there are sufficient funds for fencing and other features to ensure safety for both dogs/dog owners and other park visitors. The need for an off-leash area at Fraser River Heritage Park should be evaluated in the context of a Master Planning process. (This is recommended as a priority project for this park.) The issue of safety at the proposed Red Mountain off-leash area (adjacent to the Gun Club) should also be addressed at the time of design. We will add a note: "The trailhead only is indicated. The actual alignment of this off-leash facility, which will run through TFL lands, will need to be developed in collaboration with the Forestry Department."</p>
<p>76</p>	<p>Two trails to be added to this list: College Heights Trail and Cherry Ridge Trail. Point 4 will clarify the recommendation that 7th Avenue be planned for development as a parkway route, with traffic calming and other measures to encourage increased and safer use by pedestrians, particularly school children, and cyclists. Multiple funding sources are envisioned.</p>
<p>86</p>	<p>Point 3: second bullet point should refer to Appendix "G."</p>

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92	Point 4: new bullet point to be added: "A minimum of 20 cm of amended soil shall be applied to developer-constructed park sites before they will be assumed by the District of Mission."
98	Text to be added in this section to clarify that funding for projects, particularly major ones, will come from a variety of sources (such as senior government, business partnerships etc), and not just taxes.
100	We will include text to clarify that this table projects threshold dates only, but that proposed initiatives may begin at other times based on what the community needs (actual growth rates) and wishes, and that staff will determine which specific projects and initiatives occur at which points in time. Improved maintenance is the first priority for all parks. We will work with staff to prioritize specific parks for upgrades and indicate these on the Park Inventory Sheets (Appendix A).
Appendix A	This section will be alphabetically arranged. Prioritization of parks for specific upgrades to be added. A sheet for Heritage Park Secondary School to be added. Photo of Silverdale Hall to be replaced with image of park. Fraser River Heritage Park--Recommendations to include: "Review and evaluate the current joint management structure/role of volunteers as a long-term model for this park to ensure the optimum use of District funds and other resources."
Appendix M - P	Appendices to be organized as shown in the Table of Contents
Proposed Trail Network Maps	Maps will be reviewed by Parks and Forestry Departments (particularly for accuracy of potential multi-use and equestrian trails) before the final Master Plan is printed.