



Council Report **For the Meeting of May 10th, 2018**

To: Council **Date:** May 9, 2018
From: Thomas Soulliere, Director, Parks, Recreation and Facilities
Subject: Cecelia Ravine Park Improvement Plan – Response to Council Inquiries

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information relating to the proposed Cecelia Ravine Park Improvement Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the May 3, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council requested additional information on three items in relation to the Cecelia Ravine Park Improvement Plan:

1) Funding for a new bike ramp on the existing staircase on east side of Cecelia Ravine Park

Funding through the Parks and Greenways Acquisition Reserve would only be appropriate for work taking place on the newly acquired property. The recommendation would be to include this work as part of a future pathway upgrade with funding from another source, potentially the Accessibility Reserve.

2) Sanitary and storm drainage infrastructure improvements

The Engineering & Public Works Department has been working with the CRD on the sanitary and storm drainage infrastructure in this area for a number of years. Should Council approve the recommendations in the staff report, the City will ensure any necessary underground repairs within the park are completed prior to the surface improvements. It is standard practice to review the condition of assets prior to capital construction and determine any required renewals in the detailed design stage. The Utilities Capital Budget is setup for funding required repairs associated with coordinated works.

Improvement to the sanitary sewer and storm water systems upstream of Cecelia Park (outside the limits of park development) will be included in future financial plans and as a part of asset management programs.

3) Potential for the provision of parking within the road right-of-way

The need for parking at this site was identified in the improvement plan process for several reasons, including accessibility for those with mobility challenges and/or young children. Given the existing built environment and established road network in the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood, it may be necessary for visitors to drive to this park.

In addition, Cecilia Ravine Park, along with the adjacent Galloping Goose Trail, is used for special events and festivals. Having on-site parking supports staging and other provisions for organizers and attendees with reduced impact to neighbours.

During preparation of the conceptual plan, staff considered various options for parking, including within the road right-of-way. Some of the issues and constraints related to providing the parking within the road right of way included:

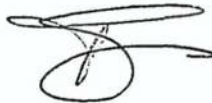
- Residential on-street parking is limited on both Cecelia and Washington. This issue was also raised by the residents during public consultation.
- The existing rain garden located adjacent to the park and that supports integrated storm water management priorities, limits the ability to use parallel parking on Cecelia Road in the park frontage.
- The existing topography would require any additional parking in front of 414 Cecelia Road to be raised above grade with a retaining wall facing the private property resulting in additional project costs.

Project staff intend to ensure the parking lot is positioned as close as possible to the street in order to maximize the space for other amenities, during the detailed design process.

Respectfully submitted,




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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:


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