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Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 12:19 PM
To: Kenneth Jones
Cc: Jim Gordon <JGordon@whiterockcity.ca>
Subject: FW: Maccaud Park Neighbours need a say in the Park's Design.
Importance: High

Hi Ken,

Here are my comments made last night during Council in written form as you requested:

- A. The additional trees removal request was communicated to Council on January 25, 2022 "The Maccaud Park design team worked with Parks staff to evaluate trees in the vicinity of the Maccaud Park upgrades. Twelve trees need to be removed as they are either dead, close to dead or potentially hazardous. 7 of the 12 trees include dead and dying hazel trees that were approved for removal in 2019. Contractors were on-site to perform the work and had to leave before the work was complete due to public interference."
- B. The widening of the easterly path is to qualify for the TransLink \$187K grant. A condition of the grant is having a multi-use path (MUP) within their Major Bike Network (MBN) corridor. This was also communicated to Council January 25, 2022.
- C. We have not received any other negative feedback on the design of the park from other residents since mailing out the construction notice letter.
- D. Based on the site survey, the East West path (north end of site) has a maximum slope of 10%. Most of the path is 8% which is wheelchair accessible. The East West path is not for bike. Nevertheless, if it's a concern by Council, we can add a small and simple bike baffle at the east end.

Regarding your suggestions, the following comments were made:

1. Eliminate the West, Southwest, and North pathways, the picnic tables and associated concrete,
Your sketch substantially changes the overall design concept. We are proceeding to start construction on May 16th. Any changes or delay at this stage will cost money and reduce the City's credibility with the construction community. We have not heard from any other residents after delivering construction notices to the neighborhood.

2. Narrow ALL pathways to 1.5 metres of permeable asphalt, or crushed limestone.
Narrowing the pathways to 1.5 meters will jeopardize the \$187K grant from TransLink. We could also lose our credibility for future grant application from TransLink.

3. Plant a large shrub and retain the existing large Alder tree, to block the Eastward sightline from the Goggs cul-de-sac,
We will work with the new Parks Manager to review your proposal in planting a large shrub as a way to block the eastward sightline from Goggs Cul-de-sac. A more effective way that we have done in similar Cul-de-sac situation at other parks is either adding a no post barricade or a bike lane chicane as shown below.



4. Angle the path from there gently through the trees to the Southeast to join the North-South pathway and return to Kent near Goggs,
Similar to item #1, your sketch substantially changes the overall design concept.

5. And save all the hazelnut trees and fruit trees that Mrs. Maccaud planted (Heritage).
As discussed in item A, the proposed additional trees removal is because the trees are either dead or dying based on the recommendation of the arborist reports. We have indicated in our construction notice letter that the removed trees will be replaced with suitable tree species.

And also reduce the budget to \$100,000 from the \$250,000 presently, along with the matching amount in Reserves to cut taxes.

We don't know whether your proposal will only cost \$100K. There will be additional cost associated with changing the scope of work since the contract with Cedar Crest has been signed. But even if this is true, the \$100K amount is still higher than what the City will be spending on the current plan. \$250K – \$187K (TransLink Grant approval is highly probable) = \$63K. Also there are no savings in taxes in capital projects, if the project does not proceed (or is cheaper) the funds will go back to the reserve to be used in other projects.

Thanks,
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