

## **Excerpt from the draft July 13, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes**

### **Neighbourhood Park Promotion Working Group Update**

#### **4.2 Neighbourhood Park Promotion Working Group Attachments:**

- a) Neighbourhood Park Promotion – Draft Report
- b) Social Media Feedback
- c) User Interview
- d) City of Port Moody – Neighbourhood Parks Map

The Neighbourhood Park Promotion Working Group noted the following:

- a review of parks in different areas of the city was undertaken and indicated that they would be utilized more often if they were better activated;
- a few underserved areas and areas without parks were also identified in the report;
- information regarding amenities in neighbourhood parks were received, and more detailed information is necessary for further analysis;
- auditing neighbourhood parks for access, distribution, facilities, and condition could be next step in this process;
- future developments may take advantage of the existing parks, or could be served by the developer, or the City could address the needs in those areas;
- neighbourhood park promotion and activation efforts will be finalized depending on budget and resources;
- there are over 40 parks in Port Moody, and some of them may be under-served and lacking facilities for all age groups;
- lack of washrooms, covered areas, and benches in parks have been brought up by park users; and
- creativity and careful use of resources are of key importance when making neighbourhood parks more attractive.

The Superintendent of Parks noted the following:

- the population data included in the Neighbourhood Parks map is from 2021 Census;
- an audit of downtown parks is currently being undertaken through the Parkland Acquisition Strategy Project, and it will be helpful for neighbourhood parks improvement;
- a Parks and Recreation Master Plan update will be provided to the Commission at the October 2022 meeting;
- there will be opportunities to provide input for the Parkland Acquisition Strategy Project; and

- full activation of neighbourhood parks would require consultation and further engagement.

The Commission noted the following:

- activation of neighbourhood parks is closely tied to population growth;
- some parks may require infrastructure improvements before activation;
- activating all the neighbourhood parks may not be possible due to budget limitations;
- parks serve different purposes based on user groups and their needs despite not having much infrastructure;
- adding infrastructure to parks could be expensive due to planning, engineering, and building costs;
- the Parkland Acquisition Strategy Project is underway, and the review should be done to determine the need for acquiring more parkland;
- this report in its entirety should be considered by Council as early as possible, ideally before the elections; and
- the Parkland Acquisition Strategy Project has not been completed yet, therefore the recommendations are not known.

The Vice-Chair noted that the population data could change a lot in the future and further analysis and projection could be done for a long-term vision, and neighbourhood parks map could be used for discussions with potential developers for park spaces.

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Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the Neighbourhood Park Promotion Working Group report be received for information at the earliest opportunity.**

(Voting against: Haven Lurbiecki)