

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
**CITY OF WHITE ROCK**  
 CORPORATE REPORT



**DATE:** September 20, 2021

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Jim Gordon, P.Eng., Director, Engineering and Municipal Operations

**SUBJECT:** Maccaud Park Improvements

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT Council:

1. Approve the Maccaud Park Improvements Concept 2A, as it will provide an overall refresh of the Park, offer additional passive amenities, result in less tree removal, and it will retain the Park character; and
2. Direct staff to proceed with detailed design and construction of Concept 2A.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this corporate report is to obtain Council direction on the Maccaud Park Improvements project.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION**

<b>Motion # &amp; Meeting Date</b>	<b>Motion Details</b>
2021-247 April 26, 2021	<p>THAT Council give final reading/ adoption to the “White Rock Financial Plan (2021 – 2025) Bylaw, 2021, No. 2377”.</p> <p>Voted in the negative (3): Councillor Kristjanson, Councillor Manning, and Councillor Trevelyan</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>Motion CARRIED (4 to 3)</u></b></p>
2021-206 April 12, 2021	<p>THAT Council receive the petition supplied “On-Table” petition with 100 signatures, with the following statement "I believe that Maccaud Park in White Rock BC should remain a public green space, and therefore I am opposed to the City of White Rock installing pickleball or tennis court in Maccaud Park".</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)</u></b></p>
2021-205 April 12, 2021	<p>THAT Council no longer consider tennis and pickleball courts at Maccaud Park.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>Motion CARRIED (7 to 0)</u></b></p>

<p>2021-170 March 29, 2021</p>	<p>THAT Council no longer consider tennis and pickleball courts at Maccaud Park and exhaust all other avenues to put these spots elsewhere on the east side of the City. Voted in the negative (3): Mayor Walker, Councillor Johanson, and Councillor Kristjanson Absent (1): Councillor Trevelyan <b><u>Motion DEFEATED (3 to 3)</u></b></p>
<p>2021-117 March 8, 2021</p>	<p>THAT Council consider the Maccaud Park project at an upcoming priorities session to potentially allocate \$500K from Community Amenity Contributions to increase the project budget from \$250K to \$750K to include pickleball courts. Voted in the negative (1): Councillor Trevelyan <b><u>Motion CARRIED (6 to 1)</u></b></p>
<p>2021-F&amp;A-032 February 22, 2021</p>	<p>THAT The Finance and Audit Committee reconfirms the project noted in the February 22, 2021 corporate report titled "Community Amenity Contribution (CAC) Project Options Update" as b. Maccaud park Improvements / 2021 / \$250,000 and bring the project forward subject to further discussion as to exact improvements at the next priority session. <b><u>Motion CARRIED</u></b></p>

**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

Maccaud Park is a community park with approximately 1.2 hectares of greenspace, containing 11 different tree species, and totaling 80 trees at the south end. The park is located on Kent Street, between Thrift Avenue and North Bluff Road, and was originally sold to the City in 1968. The project area is located at Maccaud Park south (refer to Figure 1).



**Figure 1. Project Area Map**

At the Regular Council Meeting on April 26, 2021, Council adopted the “White Rock Financial Plan (2021 – 2025) Bylaw, 2021, No. 2377”. The White Rock Financial Plan (2021 – 2025) includes improvements to Maccaud Park with a budget of \$250K. Furthermore, Peace Arch Hospital Foundation (PAHF) has expressed interested in donating outdoor fitness equipment to the City for use in a park setting.

The City retained R.F. Binnie and Associates to provide two conceptual designs and associated budgetary cost estimates. Within each of the two conceptual designs, there is an option for the project to incorporate four fitness stations using the donated outdoor fitness equipment from PAHF; thus, yielding a total of four different options (Concepts 1A, 1B, 2A, and 2B). The four options are shown in Appendix A.

A summary of the concept designs proposed are noted below in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Summary of Concept Designs**

<b>Concept</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Impact to Trees</b>	<b>Fitness Stations</b>
1A	Three pathways to a centralized picnic area with two double sided benches and two stations for outdoor lounge chairs.	\$148K	Remove 8 trees Plant 2 new trees	None
1B	Same as 1A with 4 fitness stations.	\$200K	Remove 8 trees Plant 2 new trees	4
2A	Four pathways to a centralized picnic area. There are six park benches throughout the pathways.	\$140K	Remove 3 trees Plant 2 new trees	None
2B	Same as 2A with 4 fitness stations.	\$192K	Remove 3 trees Plant 2 new trees	4

All four options are viable, and each have their pros and cons. Concept 2A will offer the least disturbance to the Park and still provide six benches, three picnic tables, and refreshed plantings. Concept 1A has the disadvantage that more trees need to be removed. Council may wish to consider adding fitness equipment; however, this could significantly change the feel and purpose of the Park.

Staff recommend Concept 2A, as it will refresh the park, provide additional passive amenities, and result in less tree removal while retaining the character of the Park. If Concept 2A is approved by September 30, 2021, then the detailed design process will begin in October 2021, with construction to commence in early spring 2022 and estimated to be completed by the summer 2022.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funding is available in the 2021 Financial Plan. Including consultant fees and contingency, all four concepts are within the total project budget of \$250,000.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

### **COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Staff will work with the Communications Department to prepare and deliver project information for the public. Staff will install project signs on site to provide the public with details of the project. In addition, Staff will deliver notices to the residents located within two (2) blocks of the project area.

### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS**

Recreation & Culture staff will be notified of the construction schedule to minimize disruption to the Kent Street Activity Centre.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

The project is a Community Amenity Contribution “Shovel-in-the-Ground” project, and it is consistent with Council’s top five priorities.

### **OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES**

The following alternative options are available for Council’s consideration:

1. Concept 1A pathway without any fitness stations. If this option is selected, the design will require removing eight (8) trees and planting two (2) new trees. This option is anticipated to cost \$148K before consulting fees.
2. Concept 1B pathway with outdoor fitness stations. If this option is selected, the design will have four (4) fitness stations and will require removing eight (8) trees and planting two (2) new trees. This option is anticipated to cost \$200K before consulting fees.
3. Concept 2B pathway with outdoor fitness stations. If this option is selected, the design will have four (4) fitness stations and will require removing three (3) trees and planting two (2) new trees. This option is anticipated to cost \$192K before consulting fees.

## **CONCLUSION**

On February 22, 2021, the Finance and Audit Committee allocated \$250K for improvements to Maccaud Park with funding from the White Rock Financial Plan (2021 – 2025). The White Rock Financial Plan was subsequently approved by Council on April 26, 2021.

The consulting team developed four conceptual options to improve the south side of Maccaud Park. Staff recommend Concept 2A, as it will offer a refresh of the park, provide additional passive amenities, and result in less tree removal while retaining the character of the Park. This option also provides the best value with the least impact to the number of trees in the area.

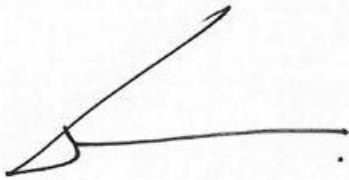
Respectfully submitted,



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## **Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer**

I concur with the recommendations of this corporate report.



Guillermo Ferrero  
Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: Maccaud Park Improvement Concept Options prepared by R.F. Binnie and Associates