

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2015

Item 3, Report No. 12, of the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on November 17, 2015.

**3 TORII PARK IMPROVEMENTS
SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE AND CAPITAL PROJECT CONSOLIDATION
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The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Planning & Growth Management and the Director of Parks Development, dated November 2, 2015:

Recommendation

The Deputy City Manager, Planning & Growth Management and the Director of Parks Development in consultation with the Director of Financial Planning and Development Finance recommend:

1. That based on the results of comments received at the Torii Park community open house the scope of work for park improvements at Torii Park be amended to include improvements to the tennis courts, playground area and associated works;
2. That approved funding for Capital Projects PK-6382-14 and PK-6391-14 for bocce court and tennis court improvements at Torii Park be consolidated into one project account PK-6382-14 and rename it to Torii Park Improvements with total funding of \$359,993 to be used to fund the amended scope of work; and
3. That inclusion of this matter on a Public Committee or Council agenda with respect to amending the capital budget be endorsed as meeting the requirements for sufficient notice pursuant to Section 2(1) (c) of By-Law 394-2002 as amended.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan, Goal 2, Objective 2.2:

- To develop Vaughan as a City with maximum green space and an urban form that supports our expected population growth.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact as a result of this report. Funding for Capital Projects PK-6382-14 and PK-6391-14 from Parks Infrastructure Reserve and Taxation respectively, related to improvements at Torii Park was approved by Council during the 2014 budget process. Tables below illustrate the financial summary of both projects and position after consolidation.

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Financial Summary- PK-6382-14- Torii Park- Bocce Court	
PK-6382-14 Budget	269,474.00
Less: Commitments/Expenses to Date	4,750.75
3% Administration Fees	142.52
Budget Remaining	264,580.73
Financial Summary- PK-6391-14- Torii Park- Tennis Court	
PK-6391-14 Budget	90,519.00
Less: Commitments/Expenses to Date	-
3% Administration Fees	-
Budget Remaining	90,519.00
Consolidate PK-6382-14 and PK-6391-14 and rename PK-6382-14 to Torii Park Improvements	
Budget	359,993.00
Less: Commitments/Expenses to Date	4,750.75
3% Administration Fees	142.52
Budget Remaining	355,099.73

Communications Plan

Additional opportunities for consultation with the community will be provided as this project moves forward to design and construction.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the results of public consultation held for park improvements proposed for Torii Park and to seek approval for a revised scope of work, based on the community's input, including consolidation of project funding into one account.

Background - Analysis and Options

In 2014 funding for the reconstruction of existing tennis courts and development of a bocce court at Torii Park was approved. Upon initiation of the design phase of this project, and through discussions with the local Councillor, it was determined that a public open house meeting should be held to determine if the level of community interest and support for developing a bocce court facility since the local community is experiencing a change in demographics with more young families and children using the park. Accordingly, Parks Development staff in consultation with the local Councillor prepared several concept designs and organized a public open house with local residents to receive their feedback.

On May 26, 2015 a community open house meeting was held at the Chancellor Community Centre, 350 Ansley Grove Avenue, Woodbridge which was well attended by the local residents. The community meeting was advertised on the City Web Page and letters were mailed to local residents within a 250 meter radius from park site. In addition, notification of the meeting was posted on a mobile sign positioned at Torii Park.

Three concept plans were provided for community input as follows:

- Option 1. Redevelopment of the existing tennis courts and development of a new bocce court;

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- Option 2. Redevelopment of the existing tennis courts, improvements to the playground area and associated works;
- Option 3. Redevelopment of the existing tennis courts, installation of a shade structure and park entrance improvements.

All in attendance of the community meeting were provided a hard copy comment sheet for their use and were informed that comments could also be submitted via email. Those in attendance were asked to review the proposed concept boards, provide comments and confirm their preferred option of the three options on display at the open house. Written comments were required to be submitted to Parks Development staff by June 9, 2015. A total of 56 residents (plus children) attended the meeting and 45 comments sheets were received. Written comments are summarized in Attachment 1.

Staff reviewed all comments that were submitted and provide the following synopsis:

1. Overall community support for Option 2 with approximately 62% of respondents supporting redevelopment of the tennis courts, improvements to the playground area and associated works;
2. Approximately 17% of respondents supported Option 1;
3. Approximately 2% of respondents supported Option 3;
4. Of interest, approximately 13% of respondents preferred to have nothing done at the park. These residents suggested that park upgrades are not an appropriate use of municipal funds;
5. A number of respondents requested installation of water play facilities, which is a typical request received by Parks Development staff at public meetings, however water play facilities are not a standard level of service for neighbourhood parks.

Based on the summary of comments received as a result of the community open house meeting and through discussions with the local Councillor, staff recommended that Option 2 be approved for the redevelopment of the tennis courts, improvements to the playground area and associated works. Following Council approval of the amended scope of work, Parks Development staff will begin detailed design and tender document preparation for completion of the park improvement works in 2016.

With respect to comments raised regarding overall parks maintenance, Parks Development staff forwarded comments to Parks Operations for their review and consideration.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020 / Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the project will provide:

- **STRATEGIC GOAL:**
Service Excellence - Providing service excellence to citizens.
- **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**
Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery; and Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness - To deliver high quality services and to promote health and wellness through design and program.

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This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and at this time staff resources have been allocated and are approved.

Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

A community open house meeting was held to review proposed park improvements at Torii Park with local residents. A total of three options were provided for public consideration including an option to amend the current scope of work to include redevelopment of the tennis courts, improvements to the playground area and associated works. This option (Option 2) received overall support from the community and accordingly staff are recommending that the scope of work for existing Capital Projects PK-6391-14 and PK-6382-14 be amended to fund these works.

Attachments

1. Community Open House Summary
2. Location Map

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)