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Special Committee of the Whole (Budget)
January 24, 2023
Agenda Item # 1

DATE: January 19, 2023

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Vince Musacchio, Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Development

RE: **AGENDA ITEM # 1 – Special Committee of the Whole (Budget)**
January 24, 2023
Response to Questions

1. Purpose

To provide Mayor and Members of Council information in response to questions arising from the Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) meeting of January 18, 2023.

2. Analysis

North Maple Regional Park

North Maple Regional Park development plans include many phases over the coming years.

The Capital Program includes:

- Continuation of Enabling Works site preparation, grading and servicing of 130 acres of parkland including extending Vaughan CARES Way park driveway, expansion of the pond and wetland areas, additional trails, boardwalks and pathways, development of a cricket field and special events area, and foundational works for the family recreation area adjacent to the pond;
- Community engagement and preparation of a 900-acre park master plan including program and park facility concepts for the parkland areas, former landfill sites, wooded valley lands and open space areas;
- Planning, design and construction of the family recreation area including children's playgrounds, waterplay areas and picnic areas;
- Landfill technical studies and coordination with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- Continued planning and design for a future soccer training facility in collaboration with Canada Soccer and project partners.

A more detailed update is planned to be provided to Members of Council and to the new North Maple Regional Park Advisory Committee approved by Council in December 2022.

Sonoma Heights Community Park

The existing artificial turf field at Sonoma Heights Community Park is over 11 years old and is a popular field for both permitted and non-permitted play. Artificial turf surfacing fibers have deteriorated beyond Operations ability to effectively manage and the turf requires replacement. Proposed work includes removal of the existing artificial turf surfacing and underlay padding, grading and drainage adjustments, and installation of a new FIFA-Quality artificial turf system (to the same standard installed at North Maple Regional Park and Vaughan Grove Sports Park). Existing fencing, site furnishings, scoreboard, and bleachers will be maintained and repaired/replaced as needed.

Synthetic Ice Surface for the Kleinburg Community

The City of Vaughan has five outdoor skating rinks, located in Wards 2, 3 and 5. To supplement the City's 5 outdoor rinks, staff have installed "Natural Rinks" at the Maple Community Centre (Ward 1) and North Thornhill Community Centre (Ward 4) in recent years. The installation and maintenance of Natural Rinks are labour intensive and greatly dependent on weather. As a result, the availability of these rinks is unpredictable.

To provide our citizens with a more reliable outdoor skating option, staff have considered the installation of two synthetic ice pads. Within BF-8854-23 - 2023-26 Facilities - (D) Services Renewal Program, a project has been identified to purchase and install synthetic ice at these two locations. As a skating trail will be operational at Sports Village in the coming weeks, the synthetic pad at Maple Community Centre can now be move to another under serviced area. As a result, this synthetic ice pad can be moved to Kleinberg.

For more information, contact Jamie Bronsema, Director, Parks Infrastructure Planning & Development, ext. 8858 or Dave Merriman, Director, Facilities Management, ext. 8296

Approved by



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