

Staff Report to Council

Title: Inverhuron Upper Park

Report Number: Parks & Facilities-2024-18

Director: Community Services

Manager: Manager.

Meeting Date:

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Date to be considered by Council:

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Recommendation:

That Council direct staff to enter into discussions with Inverhuron Non-Profit Park Development Corporation for the purposes of a parkland lease agreement for Inverhuron Upper Park; and

That Staff report back at a later date with a proposed Agreement for Council's consideration.

Executive Summary:

Staff have been approached by an interested party called the Inverhuron Non-Profit Development Corporation (INDC)) to consider entering into an agreement for the purposes of managing and improving the Inverhuron Upper Park.

Strategic Priorities:

C.8-Create vibrant parks, green space, recreation facilities and programs for residents or visitors of all ages and abilities

Financial Considerations:

Staff will require that legal services review the draft agreement prior to reporting back to Council. Costs associated with this process shall be borne by the Municipality.

Policy:

NA

Context and Background Information:

Community organizations and service groups play a significant role in the services the municipality offers. They can add to the breadth and accessibility of programming and opportunities within the community.

Inverhuron has two parks, Upper (located on County Road 15 and Albert Street) and McIntyre Park (Lower Park) on west end of County Rd 15. Upper Park has a basketball hoop, swing set and slide. It can be considered that Inverhuron parks are often overlooked by the Municipal staff in terms of maintenance and future vision due to capacity constraints.

Volunteer members of Inverhuron presented to McQueen Galloway Associates (MGA) as part of the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan development. They presented a concept opportunity that would consider a unique collaborative partnership with the municipality. A non-profit group called Inverhuron Non-Profit Park Development Corporation (INDC) has expressed interest in leading the park's future development and standard in partnership with the Municipality.

The development of a comprehensive agreement will ensure the interests of the community remain focal as well as a realistic approach as to the capacity of what the INDC are capable of achieving.

If approved this evening, staff will work (through a legal team) to ensure that a reasonable agreement is negotiated and presented to Council at a later date.

A preferred agreement will also ensure that the Municipality continues to be the approving authority for future assets and capital improvements within the park and will ensure staff's expertise is considered as improvements are delivered.

Such an arrangement can prove to be a win-win-win for the INCD, the users of the park as well as the Municipality.

Consultation Overview:

INDC has consulted with property owners as to the future of the park to seek feedback as to the future of the park.

Origin:

Staff were approached by property owners to enter into an agreement for the management and lease of the Inverhuron Upper Park.

The Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan provided the following recommendation:

#92 Develop criteria for partnerships that address key roles, staff capacity and responsibilities, and metrics, including projects that may be of a "joint capital" nature (funded in partnership with other organizations and the Municipality). Review annually and ensure business plan development as part of the partnership.

Implementation Considerations:

Consideration of long-term arrangements and maintenance of potential assets to be included in the park.

Risk Analysis:

There is a risk that the INDC may be opposed to some stipulations that the Municipality imposes through the development of an agreement.

Legal may recommend that the agreement is not in the best interest of the municipality.

INDC membership may determine that this is a larger challenge than they were anticipating.

Attachments: INDC Presentation
Background Information

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