



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**MEETING DATE:** March 28, 2022

**TITLE:** Pickleball Courts

**DIVISION:** Community & Protective Services

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### **SUMMARY:**

Following a presentation by the Parkland Pickleheads Pickleball Club (PPPC) to Council on January 24, 2022, a review by Administration was completed to identify timelines, required planning and preliminary costings of the proposed expansion of the site.

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### **PROPOSED MOTION:**

THAT the procurement of a consultant, to a maximum of \$70,000 from unrestricted surplus, to complete the development of an overall site concept and functional plan at the Henry Singer site, that includes preliminary cost estimates, for future (re)investment and capital planning, be approved.

THAT the expenditure of \$25,000 from unrestricted surplus, to mitigate safety and surface deterioration issues on the playing surface of reservoir #1, including patching, re-sealing and the re-application of sport lines, be approved.

### **BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:**

On January 24, 2022 members of the Parkland Pickleheads Pickleball Club (PPPC) appeared before Council to present plans for development and further expansion of pickleball courts and support amenities, along with their timelines and requirements to submit a bid to host Western Regional Championships in 2023 within the City of Spruce Grove.

Subsequently, Council inquired about the feasibility of the pickleball court expansion at the Henry Singer site, timelines and cost estimates. Results and findings will be presented to Council to consider the addition and timing of the projected costs in the context of its ten-year capital plan.

While Administration is supportive of the proposed enhancements in principle, due to workload capacity and the lack of an overall site plan and strategic approach to the overall functionality of the Henry Singer site (Baseball, Elks Hall, Water Utility and Pickleball), a delay on the upgrades/creation of new courts is proposed to first complete the overall site plan.

Administration recommends that a strategic approach to (re)development and enhancements of the site be completed that includes the adjoining baseball park operations and Elks hall. This strategic and proactive planning will include considerations for:

- Overall site functionality - (including baseball and Elks Hall spaces) to look at capacity and operational synergies
- Access, Egress and Parking - including the Elks Hall and roadway access from the south, pathways and parking plans
- Drainage and site requirements – landscaping and swale, etc.
- Servicing and Utility requirements – including Wi-Fi, electrical, water/waste water and storm
- Support Amenities – washrooms, lighting, signage (way-finding and information) and storage

While the implementation of the plan may be phased and the responsibility for funding and/or incorporating the identified components may lie with user groups and/or the City (to be determined at a later date), the plan will provide a blue-print for implementation. Consultation with all site stakeholders will also be a part of the process. This planning process will also identify initial cost estimates for the various components to assist with the future costing and budget planning.

In addition to undertaking the planning in 2022, Administration also suggests a small re-investment in the safety and playability of the initial six courts (reservoir #1) to support the next few seasons of pickleball for the club and the community, until such time that the plan is completed and resourcing can be secured for higher level of repair or development.

### **OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:**

Council could delay the planning of the site to 2023, pushing any (re)development of the site to 2024 or later.

**CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT:**

The PPPC have been informed by Administration of the recommendations to complete the planning of the overall site and the repair of the reservoir #1 surface for 2022. Ongoing support, including the completion of a License to Occupy agreement for the site, will continue to be provided to the PPPC.

**IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATION:**

A Request for Proposals to complete the site plan will be released as soon as possible, pending support for the motion. Plans are to be completed by September 2022 for informing future capital requests.

Completion of the court re-surfacing will be done as soon as possible, pending the support for the motion, weather and contractor availability.

**IMPACTS:**

n/a

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

A one-time financial impact of \$95,000 (\$25,000 for re-surfacing and \$70,000 for the site concept and functional plan), with the funding to come from unrestricted surplus. This budget adjustment will be brought forward during the Spring Budget Adjustment.

**STRATEGIC VISION ELEMENT:**

Where People Choose to Live - A dynamic city with and exceptional quality of life

**RELATED GOAL:**

High quality leisure, recreational, commercial and social infrastructure and amenities as well as policies that meet the interests and needs of the greater community are in place and conveniently accessible.