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**To:** **Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

**From:** **Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator**

**Meeting Date:** **May 21, 2019**

**Subject:** **Report APRAC19-007  
Parks and Open Space Study – Consultant Presentation**

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## **Purpose**

A report to provide an update on the City's Parks and Open Space study, through a presentation by the project consultants, Brian Basterfield, from Basterfield & Associates and Robert Lockhart, from The Rethink Group.

## **Recommendations**

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC19-007 dated May 21, 2019, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That a presentation by Basterfield & Associates and The Rethink Group on the Parks and Open Space study be received for information; and
- b) That the members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and the Accessibility Advisory Committee provide input to the study, as requested by the project Consultants.

## Budget and Financial Implications

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of Report APRAC19-007.

## Background

Through Vision 2025, a Ten Year Strategy for Recreation, Parks, Arenas and Culture, a need was identified to conduct a comprehensive review of the City's parks and open space, and to establish a parks planning process.

In the 2018 Capital Budget, Council approved funding for the Parks Review and Planning Project (Budget Reference 6-1.07). The review will provide a mechanism for:

- The development of park design guidelines;
- Establishing criteria for prioritizing neighbourhood park rejuvenation and identifying the highest priority for initial investment;
- Identifying residential areas experiencing gaps in neighbourhood park access and strategies to address those gaps; and
- Establishing criteria to evaluate City-owned open space and to determine which sites may be appropriate to be classified as parkland.

On October 2, 2018, the project consultants, Brian Basterfield, from Basterfield & Associates and Robert Lockhart from The Rethink Group made their initial presentation on the project to the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC). Staff has invited the project consultants to attend the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting on May 21, 2019 to provide an update on their findings and to offer APRAC members an opportunity to provide input. The project is on track to wrap up in June 2019, with a final report to Council in July.

Submitted by,

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