

TO: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory

Committee

FROM: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

MEETING DATE: June 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Report APRAC12-019

**Accessible Parking Lots at Beavermead Park** 

## **PURPOSE**

A report to provide information on the development of 2 new accessible parking lots within close proximity to the rectangular sport fields in Beavermead Park.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Arenas parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC12-019 dated June 19, 2012, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That Report APRAC12-019 be received for information.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of Report APRAC12-019.

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2011, a considerable concern was raised by members of the public that the sport fields at Beavermead Park are not accessible to people with significant mobility issues. A review of the matter was conducted by the Accessibility Coordinator, and staff from Legal, Customer Service, Recreation, and Public Works. It was determined that providing additional accessible parking lots in close proximity to the sport fields within Beavermead Park would be in keeping with the AODA Accessible Built Environment Standards. In addition, Staff recognized a similar concern could be raised in regard to accessing the East Gate 3 soccer field, through Walker Park.

The City's Accessibility Committee committed \$52,000 towards the cost of creating two new accessible parking lots close to the sport fields at Beavermead, as identified in Appendix "A". The south lot will accommodate up to 3 parking stalls, with the north lot accommodating up to 6 stalls. The lots will only be accessible via the Campground. In accordance with the Purchasing By-Law 10-132, Staff has obtained quotations and selected a contractor to complete the work. The Public Works division will oversee the project, which is to be completed as early as possible in 2012.

The funds also support creating up to 3 accessible parking stalls at Walker Park. Due to the replacement of a sewer trunk that runs between Walker Avenue and Ashburnham Drive, a section of Walker Park will be excavated in 2012. The exact location and configuration of the accessible parking space at that site will be dealt with as part of that project, which is currently underway.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Aerial View of Beavermead Park Identifying Future Parking Lot Locations