



City of Prince Albert

RPT 2024-231

TITLE: Rotary Adventure Park Shortfall Funding

DATE: July 18, 2024

TO: City Council

PUBLIC: X

INCAMERA:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the amount up to \$70,000 be funded from the Community Services Land Fund Reserve to fund the shortfall in funding for the Rotary Adventure Park Enhancements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

With the assistance of external funding from the Rotary Club and Malcolm Jenkins Foundation, along with City Funding, the construction of the Rotary Adventure Park was completed and officially opened on September 15, 2023. Due to some in kind donations being received instead of cash donations, and additional expenditures during construction, there is an approximate \$66,389.48 shortfall. Administration is recommending that the Community Services Land Fund Reserve fund the shortfall of costs.

BACKGROUND:

The Little Red River Park has undergone significant improvements over the last several years with funding assistance from external grants and donations.

Council approved the following significant capital improvement at Little Red River Park for the Rotary Adventure Park as follows:

Rotary Adventure Park – \$1,200,000

The Rotary Adventure Park and Zip Lines has over 4 acres of play space for people of all ages and offers a wonderful escape into the backwoods to play and work out.

The construction utilized over 300 cubic meters of topsoil and over 250 cubic meters of Play Sand, ensuring a safe and engaging environment for kids to explore. With a diverse range of

play pods/zones, including four 100-foot Zip Lines, the Rotary Adventure Park is poised to become a popular community destination, providing an unforgettable experience for residents and visitors to Prince Albert. The overall capacity of the Playground is for 300+ children.

The 9 play zones are as follows:

- Zone 1 – Passive Tot area with sand table, sand digger, spinner, and ride-on bumble bee.
- Zone 2 – Children's swing area featuring an oodle swing, 2 infant swings, 2 young children swings.
- Zone 3 – Hurricane Mega Towers: Hive and beltis skyway with hurricane mega-tower.
- Zone 4 – Aquarius Webscape: Viper and Mobius Rock Climber Wall.
- Zone 5 – OTS Group Fit Structure: Adult Ninja Warrior Course.
- Zone 6 – Accessible Rail Rider.
- Zone 7 – Older children swings.
- Zone 8 – GSX: Silo Scrambler Climber and Nu Edge Climber.
- Zone 9 – Zip Lines.

City Council at its meeting of November 29, 2021 approved the following amended Budget:

Revised Budget:

Pehonan Parkway Reserve	\$280,000
Rotary Club Fundraising	\$520,000
Malcolm Jenkins Foundation	<u>\$400,000</u>
Total Amended Budget	\$1,200,000

PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:

The Rotary Adventure Park received external funding from Malcolm Jenkins Foundation along with a fundraising campaign by the Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club fundraised the amount of \$490,000 in donations. The budget approved included the fundraising goal of \$520,000. However, the Rotary Club advised that \$30,000 was in-kind donations, as such, that creates a shortfall in cash to cover the expenditures.

Malcolm Jenkins Foundation donated the amount of \$400,000 for the Rotary Adventure Park as budgeted.

During the construction of the Rotary Adventure Park, the contractor identified contaminated soil and ground conditions. As such, the contractor took additional time and materials to punch through the ground and in some instances had to move the auger holes because they were unable to use the location. This created additional costs over budget in the amount of \$26,823.12.

There is an approximate amount owing of \$66,389.48 for the Rotary Adventure Park. This results from the shortfall in cash funding from the \$30,000 in kind donation, the \$26,823.12 contamination issue, and other increased costs for equipment.

This report is recommending that the Community Services Land Fund Reserve provide the funding for the final costs of the Rotary Adventure Park.

The Community Services Land Fund Reserve was established to fund the development of parks throughout the City. The Reserve is funded by an allocation of 5% of property sales in the Land Fund. The Reserve has been in existence since prior to 2005.

The Community Services Land Fund Park Reserve has a projected Reserve balance (unaudited) for 2024 in the surplus amount of \$151,557. There is sufficient funding in the Reserve to fund the above final costs of the Rotary Adventure Park.

With the approval of \$70,000 from the Community Services Land Fund Reserve, the Rotary Adventure Park is funded by City Funding in the amount of \$350,000 (28% of total project) and \$890,000 funded externally by donations and fundraising campaign (72% of total project). That is a significant contribution in external funding for the magnitude of the Adventure Park.

CONSULTATIONS:

Finance Administration and the Parks Manager consulted relating to the costs and funding for the Little Red River Park enhancements.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Budget included City funding in the amount of \$280,000 from the Pehonan Parkway Reserve.

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This report is recommending the shortfall be funded from the Community Services Land Fund Reserve:

Rotary Adventure Costs	\$1,240,000
Funding:	
Pehonan Parkway Reserve	\$280,000
Donation - Malcolm Jenkins Foundation	\$400,000
Rotary Club Fundraising Campaign	\$490,000
	\$1,170,000
Shortfall in Funding	\$70,000

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OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS:

There are no policy, privacy, legal, or environmental implications to consider with this report.

OPTIONS TO RECOMMENDATION:

There are no options to the Recommendation.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The enhancements for Little Red River Park are identified as a Strategic Plan Priority for Investing in Infrastructure and Building a Robust Economy.

This project is a legacy project that is well used and loved by the community. Residents and surrounding communities at any time can take a drive out there and see hundreds of people enjoying themselves as well as utilization of the camping stoves which are always busy, as well as an updated camp kitchen which just requires some additional landscaping the Department hopes to finish in the next two weeks so we can make it available to the public.

There has been a large influx of visitors to the park and have seen the park well used for play, weddings, graduations, family reunions, day camps, biking, skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, etc. this year and the draw is the development at the center core area of the park which only enhances the services that are now being provided.

The Little Red River Park is an important part of the Community in Prince Albert. It offers unique opportunities within an amazing 1200-acre Urban Park Space that otherwise would not exist if not for generosity, partnerships with local businesses and the commitment and support of the City.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN:

Taken from the Official Community Plan, one of the Parks, Trail and Open Space policy statements is, “Develop a system of parks and public spaces linked by trails and pedestrian walkways and bike paths to serve the needs of local residents and visitors to the community consistent with a master parks plan.”

The Rotary Adventure Park provides opportunities to our community and children to gather and utilize park spaces for enjoyment and relation.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Public Notice pursuant to the Public Notice Bylaw No. 24 of 2015 is not required.

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