



TITLE: Toboggan Hill Project Update

DATE: April 15, 2026

TO: Executive Committee

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RECOMMENDATION:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides Council with an update on progress related to the Toboggan Hill at Little Red River Park.

In 2024, the Department began discussions with the Prince Albert Rotary Club and the Malcolm Jenkins Family Foundation to partner on improvements to the Toboggan Hill within Little Red River Park. Through this collaboration, the Rotary Club committed \$100,000 toward the project, with matching funds of \$100,000 provided by the Malcolm Jenkins Family Foundation to support the planning and implementation of site enhancements.

The project will focus on upgrading the toboggan hill while preserving the natural character of the park. Key improvements include the installation of a dedicated snow gun and supporting power infrastructure, enhanced lighting and electrical service for the hill and parking area, cedar post-and-rail fencing to better define activity areas, and the addition of site furnishings and signage. Improvements to the base of the hill will also be completed to enhance contouring and improve drainage during spring and summer months.

These upgrades will strengthen Little Red River Park's role as a premier winter recreation destination and support its continued development as a safe, inclusive, and welcoming space for residents and visitors year-round.

PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:

Little Red River Park is widely regarded as a "hidden gem," contributing more than 1,200 acres of parkland to the City's total green space. The park serves as a major hub for recreational, cultural, and land-based learning initiatives, including the ongoing development of dedicated ceremonial grounds that support Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth in connecting with nature and traditional knowledge in collaboration with local educators and schools.

Located along Highway 55 northeast of Prince Albert's downtown and bordering the Boreal Forest, the park is known for its natural beauty and extensive trail network, offering some of the region's premier walking, skiing, snowshoeing, and biking opportunities. The park is also home to the Kinsmen Ski and Snowboard Centre, the Prince Albert Nordic Ski Club, Rock and Road Cycling Club as well as approximately 4.5 acres of premium accessible and inclusive play space near the park entrance known as the Rotary Adventure Park and Alfred Jenkins Zip Lines.

Since 2018, the park has undergone significant transformation through strong community partnerships that continue to enhance amenities and reinforce Prince Albert's identity as the "City of Parks." These efforts have created spaces that support recreation, learning, healing, and community connection for residents and visitors alike.

As part of the Department's 2026 priorities, the next opportunity identified is the renovation and enhancement of the toboggan hill. What began as a simple vision several years ago has progressed toward realization through a successful fundraising campaign led by the Prince Albert Rotary Club. The 2025 Lobsterfest event brought together more than 300 community members and generated much of the \$100,000 commitment, with the Malcolm Jenkins Family Foundation contributing an additional \$100,000 to support completion of the project.

Next Steps

- Consultation with Public Works regarding construction specifications for the project – now complete.
- Consultation with Procurement to ensure compliance with Purchasing Policy No. 17.6
- Preparation and release of tender documents in early May 2026
- Presentation of a report to Executive Committee on June 9, outlining the finalized project budget

The Department is working toward completion of the project in advance of the 2026–2027 winter season to ensure the enhanced facility is available for public use.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Funding for the Toboggan Hill renovation project is supported through community partnership contributions totaling \$200,000, including \$100,000 from the Prince Albert Rotary Club and \$100,000 in matching funds from the Malcolm Jenkins Family Foundation. These contributions will be applied toward the planning, procurement, and construction of the identified site improvements.

The finalized project budget will be confirmed following completion of the tendering process and presented to Executive Committee on June 9, 2026. Any City financial contributions in addition to available partnership funding will be identified within the finalized project budget, along with recommended funding sources, including capital reserves or future budget considerations.

At this time, there are no direct operating budget impacts anticipated beyond routine maintenance and utility costs associated with the enhanced infrastructure, which will be accommodated within the Department's existing operational budget.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

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

PRESENTATION:

Verbal – Timothy Yeaman

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Toboggan Hill Design Drawing

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