

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, MARCH 24, 2003

DISCOVERY PARK – BASKETBALL FACILITY

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services and the Executive Director of Buildings, Facilities and Parks recommends:

That the following be received for information; and

That the existing basketball facility at Discovery Park be removed, following installation of the new basketball facility at Mast Park.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an update on the Discovery Park Basketball Facility.

Background - Analysis and Options

On July 19, 1999, a community meeting was held at the Maple Community Centre to discuss the conceptual design for Discovery Park. At this meeting, the residents requested that the tennis courts shown in the conceptual design be revised to allow for a basketball court. The basketball court was implemented as part of the park construction.

At the September 9, 2002 Committee of the Whole meeting, Mr. Franco Liguori provided a deputation and petition recommending that the existing basketball facility be relocated to another location within the park due to excessive noise, foul language and littering by people utilizing the basketball courts (Committee of the Whole Report No. 58, Item 36).

Parks Development undertook several detailed site inspections to determine the feasibility of relocating the basketball court within the park and determined that this was not a cost effective solution to the residents' concerns. Subsequently, a meeting was convened with Mr. Liguori and Ms. Diane Rembacz, President of the North Maple Ratepayers' association to discuss possible alternatives. A tentative solution was proposed that would see a full size basketball court implemented at Mast Park (2003 construction). Mast Park is located 400m south of Discovery Park with access off of Treasure Road. The overall park design for Mast Park will be vetted through the public consultation process and CPTED. Upon completion of Mast Park and opening of the basketball court, the basketball standards and nets will be removed from Discovery Park.

The court at Discovery Park will be utilized next summer, and in an effort to minimize excessive noise, foul language and littering by people utilizing the basketball courts, patrols by York Region Police, By-law Enforcement, and Parks Patrol should be continuous throughout the summer months.

Conclusion

That removal of the existing basketball facility at Discovery Park once the new basketball facility is completed at Mast Park will address the residents concerns regarding the problems with the current location.

Attachments

None

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