

CITY COUNCIL ADDITIONAL AGENDA

Monday, January 09, 2017 – Council Chambers, City Hall

Call to Order:	2:30 PM
Recess:	5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Public Hearing(s):	6:00 PM

I. REPORTS

I.1. Great Chief Park Improvements

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January 6, 2017

Great Chief Park Improvements

Community Services Division

Report Summary & Recommendation:

At the September 17, 2012 Council Meeting, Council adopted the Great Chief Park Enhancement Concept Plan. Specifically, an area of concern was related to the proposed parking lot expansion. The adopting resolution recommended that a parking study and environmental assessment be completed and provided to Council prior to the design or construction.

A “Biophysical Inventory of Great Chief Park” was completed by ISL Engineering in November 2016 to guide the overall site design. As a result, the expansion of the parking areas as recommended in the Great Chief Park Enhancement Concept Plan were not pursued.

Administration recommends Council accept this report as a confirmation that the improvement plans for Great Chief Park have addressed the parking and environmental concerns raised in 2012.

City Manager Comments:

I support the recommendation of Administration.

Craig Curtis
City Manager

Proposed Resolution

Resolved that Council of The City of Red Deer having considered the report from the Community Services Division, dated January 6, 2017 re: Great Chief Park Improvements hereby accepts the report as a confirmation that the improvement plans for Great Chief Park have addressed the parking and environmental concerns raised in 2012.

Report Details

Background:

At the September 17, 2012 Council Meeting, Council adopted the Great Chief Park Enhancement Concept Plan. Specifically, an area of concern was related to the proposed parking lot expansion. The adopting resolution recommended that a parking study and environmental assessment be completed and provided to Council prior to the design or construction. This report describes how the environmental and parking concerns were addressed in the design.

A Biophysical Inventory was completed to identify sensitive biological and physical features on or adjacent to Great Chief Park. This was used to guide the overall site development.

During the design process administration continued to have discussions with Red Deer River Naturalists and the consultant regarding the parking areas and where vegetation may need to be removed. As a result the parking areas were not expanded as recommended in the Great Chief Concept Plan thereby addressing the concerns initially raised in 2012 and preserving the nature/wildlife corridor and embankment to the north and west.

The designs focused on making improvements to the current parking configurations, traffic flow and safety. The main parking lot retained its original boundaries with improvements to the surface, access, flow and lighting. The northeast parking lot had CPTED challenges and traffic flow issues. Vegetation between the Cronquist House, road and parking lot was removed to improve surveillance, safety, traffic flow. The existing vegetation was assessed to be unhealthy and impacting the site drainage.

Design and construction of improvements to Great Chief Park are underway. The plans have been before Council through the budget process and Let's Talk. An information package including project highlights and pictures were emailed to Council on April 8th, 2016 in preparation for Let's Talk.

General updates have been provided to Council however not specifically on these two issues prior to construction. This report confirms that the improvement plans for Great Chief Park have addressed the parking and environmental concerns raised in 2012.

April 8, 2016
Email to Council

Great Chief Park Enhancement Plan Fast Facts

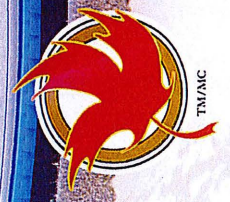
- Located at 4707 – 64 Avenue
- The Great Chief Park Enhancement Plan outlines a number of upgrades to the park which include:
 - Construction of a new pavilion with site landscaping & trail changes to accommodate new building location.
 - Installation of an artificial turf sports field to provide longer playing season and enhanced level of service.
 - Construction of a National Level Long Track Speed Skating Oval around the field.
 - Armouring for the turf area to allow for the skating track to be created atop of the field. Armouring will also potentially be used for concerts and other large public events.
 - Construction of new maintenance garage.
 - Repairs to the North and East parking lots, including re-building or overlaying, revising the layout and adding lighting to help promote safety throughout the site.
- Budget:
 - CORD Approved 2014 Capital Budget: \$9,702,000 (includes inflation and Project Management)
 - Additional Capital Budget Approved for 2016: \$3,054,000 (includes inflation)
- Construction to start August 2016
- Anticipated Completion: Winter 2018 – To host CWG's Test Event
- Consultants: ISL Engineering & Land Services & Group 2 Architecture and Interior Design Ltd
- Project drawings have been submitted for Development Permit.
- Project Goals:
 - Permanent venue for Long Track Speed Skating & 2019 Canada Winter Games
 - 4 Season Park (Sports and Cultural Events)
 - Enhancement of traffic circulation & parking capacity & safety
 - Respect and minimize impact on wildlife corridor and escapement
 - First outdoor artificial turf field in Red Deer
- New pavilion will be constructed to LEED Standards and will be comprised of the following:
 - First Floor: 592 sqm (6,370 sqft) 4 Change Rooms, 2 Trainer Rooms, Public Washrooms, Warm-up Area, Concession
 - Second Floor: 326 sqm (3,509 sqft) Special Event Viewing Area, Washrooms
 - Third Floor: 55.1 sqm (593 sqft) Media Room, 2 Coach Viewing Rooms

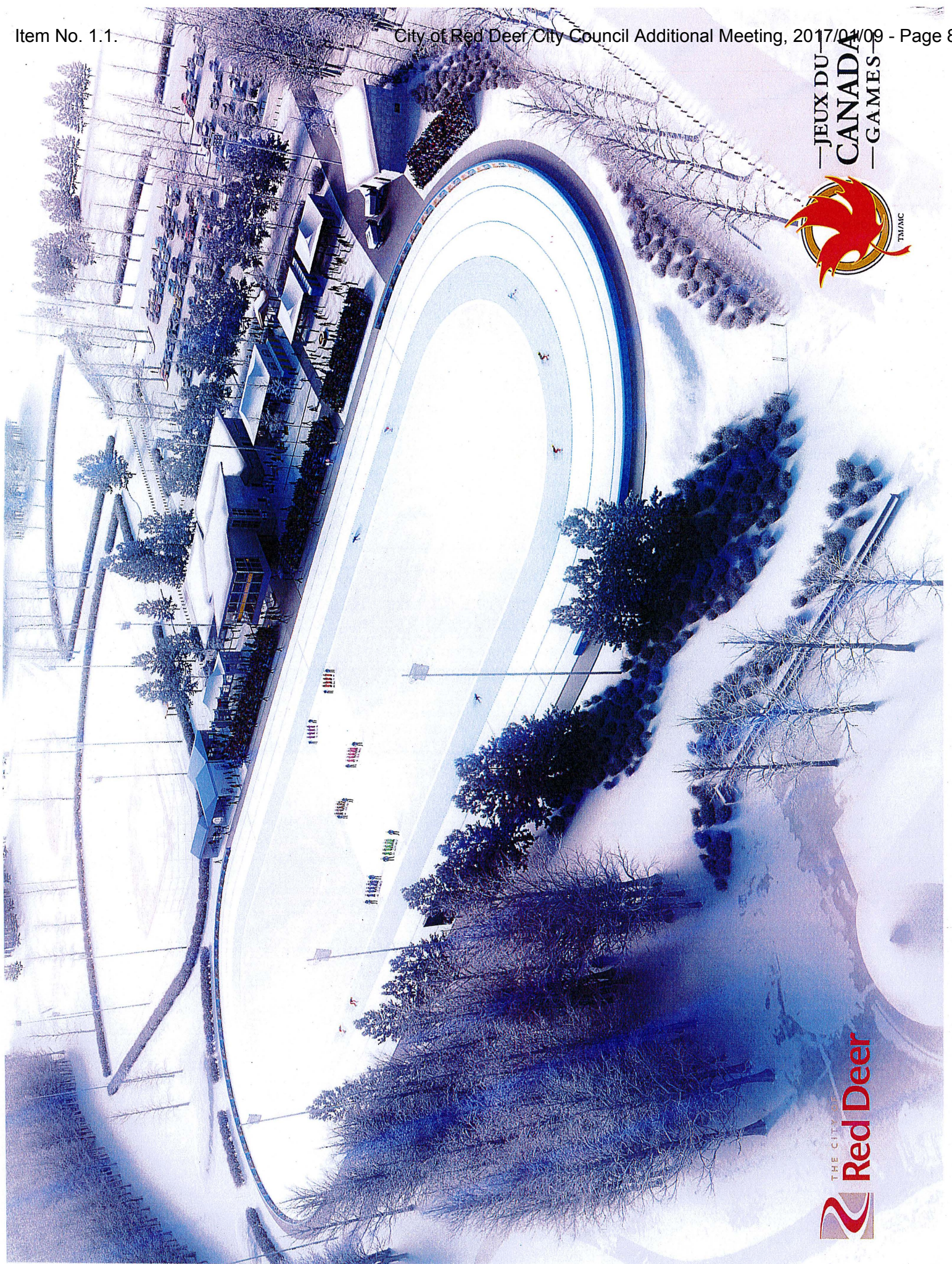


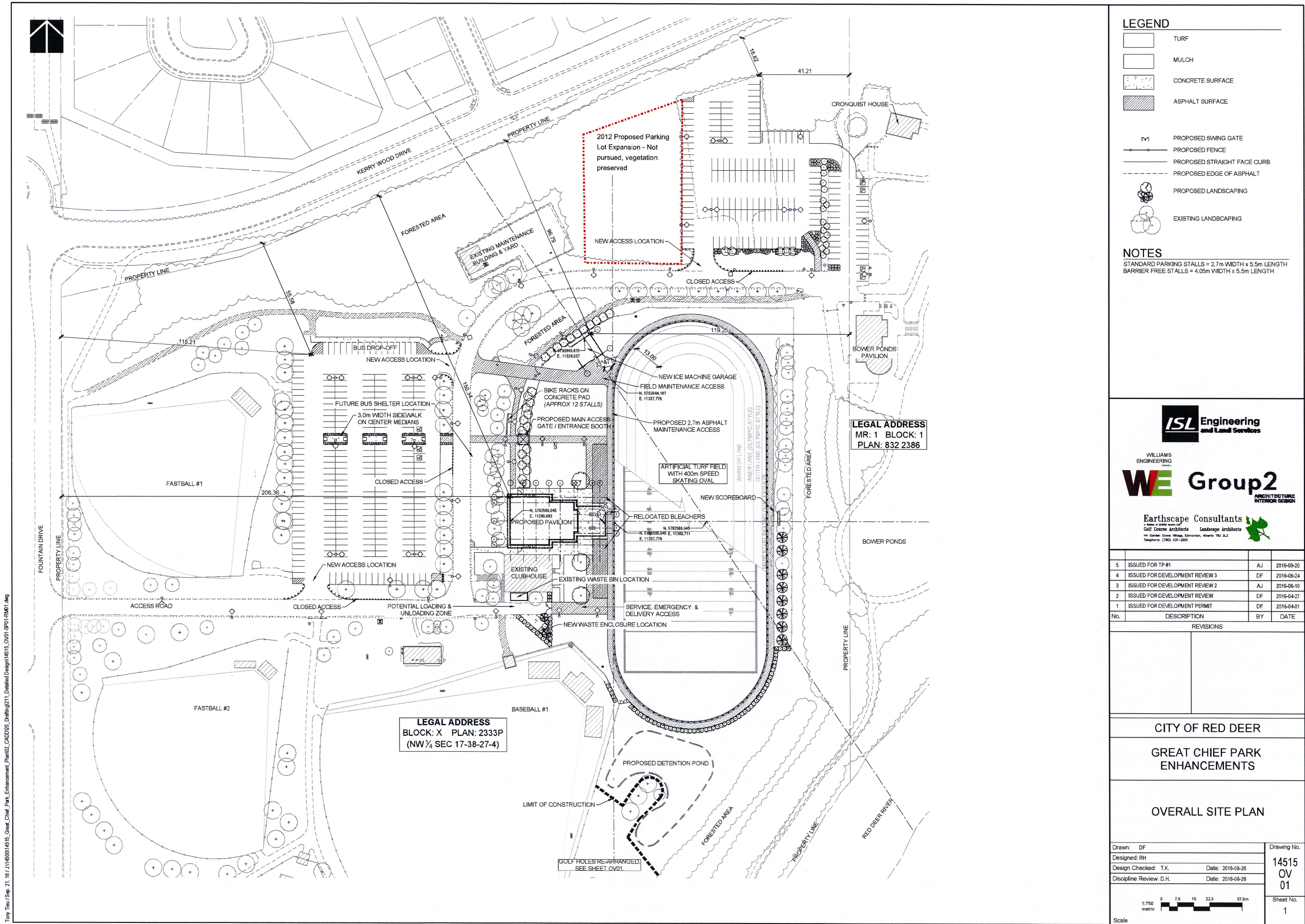




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Council Decision – January 9, 2017

DATE: January 12, 2017
TO: Shelley Gagnon, Recreation, Parks & Culture Manager
FROM: Frieda McDougall, Legislative Services Manager
SUBJECT: Great Chief Park Improvements

Reference Report:

Community Services Division, dated January 6, 2017

Resolution:

At the Monday, January 9, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, Council passed the following Resolutions:

Resolved that Council of The City of Red Deer having considered the report from the Community Services Division, dated January 6, 2017 re: Great Chief Park Improvements hereby accepts the report as a confirmation that the improvement plans for Great Chief Park have addressed the parking and environmental concerns raised in 2012.

Report back to Council: No

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. McDougall'.

Frieda McDougall
Manager

c. Director of Community Services