

Request for Decision



To: Committee of the Whole

From: **Development & Engineering Services**

Date: May 7, 2018

Subject: James Donaldson Park Accessibility Upgrades

Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Grand Forks International Baseball (GFI) Tournament Organizing Committee undertaking accessibility improvements to James Donaldson Park, at the May 7 Regular Meeting;**

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve in-kind contributions of labour and materials, if necessary for completion of the project, to a maximum contribution of \$_____, at the May 7 Regular Meeting.

Background

The GFI (Grand Forks International) baseball tournament organizing committee sent a letter to the City asking for permission to undertake accessibility improvements at James Donaldson Park prior to this year's 37th tournament. The goal is to make the park more accessible for wheelchairs, baby strollers, and anyone who may experience difficulty navigating through the park. The committee approached a local construction company that agreed to provide the materials and labour for paving pathways as their sponsorship to the GFI. Urban Systems Ltd., the City's engineering firm, have agreed to provide in-kind engineering design support as their contribution to the community. CannaFest organizers have indicated they would like to work with the GFI Organizing Committee to improve the front gate entranceways and is willing to provide funding for this project.

The GFI Tournament Organizing Committee thanks the City for its continued support of the event and hopes the City will welcome these new upgrades to the facility.

Benefits or Impacts

General

Improved accessibility at a City-owned facility allowing for ease of use by members of the public.

Strategic Impact



Community Livability

- Continued investment in sport in Grand Forks and supporting an initiative to develop an amenity to promote inclusivity



Economic Growth

- The upgrades provide the opportunity to market this community event to a larger, more diverse audience

Policy/Legislation

City of Grand Forks Official Community Plan

Attachments

N/A

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Options

1. RESOLVED THAT Committee of the Whole accepts the recommendation.
2. RESOLVED THAT Committee of the Whole does not accept the recommendation.
3. RESOLVED THAT Committee of the Whole refers the matter back to staff for further information.