

**NELSON BRYKSA SPEAKING AS A CONCERNED
CITIZEN TO REQUEST THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER
THE “REGENT FAMILY PARK AND WALKING TRAILS”
CONCEPT AS THE PREFERRED OPTION FOR
REDEVELOPING THE REGENT PARK
PAR 3 GOLF COURSE SITE**

**I’M HERE TO PRESENT THE “REGENT FAMILY PARK AND
WALKING TRAILS” CONCEPT AS AN OPTION NOT
CONTEMPLATED IN THE CONCEPTS PRESENTED BY THE
CITY.**

**THIS CONCEPT WAS PRESENTED TO THE COMMUNITY AND
PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE AND I WOULD NOW ASK
THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER IT AS A PREFERRED OPTION FOR
REDEVELOPMENT OF THE REGENT PAR 3 PARK SPACE.**

- 1. THE CONCEPT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY’S 2010-
2020 RECREATION FACILITY PLAN RELATING TO THE
REGENT PARK GOLF COURSE WHICH STATES “INITIAL
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS REVEALED A LEVEL OF
INTEREST IN ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY TO EXPLORE
OPTIONS FOR REBUILDING THE SITE TO PROVIDE YEAR
ROUND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES TARGETED AT
FAMILIES AND YOUTH”.**
- 2. THE CONCEPT ALIGNS WITH THE CITY’S OFFICIAL
COMMUNITY PLAN.**

- a. **IT SUPPORTS THE COMPLETE NEIGHBOURHOODS IN THE AREA.**
 - b. **IT EMBRACES THE BUILT COMMUNITY HERITAGE THAT HAS EVOLVED SINCE THE 1950s.**
 - c. **IT EMBRACES THE CITY'S INVEST IN ARTS CULTURE AND RECREATION.**
 - d. **IT CREATES BETTER AND MORE ACTIVE WAYS OF GETTING AROUND.**
 - e. **IT PROMOTES CONSERVATION, STEWARDSHIP AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY.**
 - f. **IT 100% PRESERVES AND SUPPORTS AN EXISTING AND MATURE URBAN FOREST THAT IS WELL WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY.**
 - g. **IT SUPPORTS MULTI-USE PATHWAYS, AND**
 - h. **IT PROVIDES HEALTH, FITNESS AND WELL-BEING LEISURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL PERSONS OF ALL AGES.**
- 3. IN ADDITION, THE CONCEPT ALIGNS WITH COMMUNITY PRIORITIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN CONSIDERED IN THE OTHER CONCEPTS BUT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE BELIEFS OF A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE AREA RESIDENTS.**
- a. **IT CONSIDERS THAT THE CITY'S EXISTING OPEN SPACES ARE PART OF THIS EARTH AND THEREFORE SACRED.**
 - b. **IT CONSIDERS A PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT FOR CONTEMPLATING CULTURAL AND SOCIETAL ISSUES OF PRIORITY TO AREA RESIDENTS, AND**

c. IT PROMOTES OPPORTUNITIES FOR CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC EXPRESSION.

4. THE “REGENT FAMILY PARK AND WALKING TRAILS” CONCEPT PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES:

a. ONE - RETENTION OF THE PARK’S URBAN FOREST OF OVER 300 EXISTING TREES AND SHRUBS IN THE MOST ATTRACTIVE OPEN SPACE FOR FAMILY-ORIENTED PARK ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA – ONE THAT HAS ESTABLISHED GRASS AND MATURE TREES THAT PROVIDE COOLNESS AND SHADE ON HOT SUMMER DAYS – AND IS THE HABITAT FOR MANY SPECIES OF BIRDS.

b. TWO – A PLAYGROUND WITH CREATIVE PLAY STRUCTURES AND A SPRAY POOL BUILT TO A STANDARD EQUIVALENT TO THAT PROVIDED BY THE CITY AT THE RICK HANSEN PLAYGROUND, INCLUDING AN ADJACENT 10-CAR PLUS PARKING AREA FOR PARENTS TO SAFELY BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO THE PLAYGROUND WITHOUT UNLOADING THEM AT ON-STREET PARKING

c. THREE – SINCE THERE IS NO SAFE AND EASY PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION THAT ALLOWS RESIDENTS ACCESS TO THE CITY’S SYSTEM OF MULTI-USE PATHWAYS, THE PROPOSED CONCEPT PROVIDES FOR MORE THAN 500 METERS OF MULTI-USE PATHWAYS THROUGHOUT THE FOREST BUILT TO PATHWAY STANDARDS FOUND IN OTHER DEVELOPED GREEN SPACES IN THE CITY

- d. **FOUR – MORE THAN A DOZEN FAMILY PICNIC AND BARBEQUE SITES ON AREAS THAT PREVIOUSLY ACCOMMODATED GOLF GREENS AND OTHER SHELTERED TREE AREAS**
 - e. **FIVE – NUMEROUS UNSTRUCTURED PLAY SPACES ON EXISTING ESTABLISHED FAIRWAY GRASS ADJACENT TO THE FAMILY PICNIC SITES**
 - f. **SIX – 2 FENCED-IN OFF-LEASE PARKS – ONE FOR SMALL DOGS, AND ANOTHER FOR LARGER DOGS, ON ALREADY ESTABLISHED FAIRWAY GRASS, AND**
 - g. **SEVEN – CIRCULAR INTERSECTIONS SITUATED ALONG THE PARK’S PATHWAY SYSTEM WITH CENTRAL ISLANDS FEATURING:
 - i. HORTICULTURAL DISPLAYS, AND
 - ii. VISUAL ART PIECES COMMUNICATING THEMES RELEVANT TO THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF AREA RESIDENTS (FOR EXAMPLE, AN ART PIECE RECOGNIZING THE SACREDNESS OF THE EARTH, OR A SCULPTURE COMMEMORATING FAMILIES, OR A SCULPTURE IN MEMORY OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS).**
5. **SAFETY CONCERNS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BY:**
- a. **CONSTRUCTING PATHWAYS WITHOUT SHARP TURNS AND WIDE ENOUGH FOR POLICE VEHICLE DRIVE-THROUGH PATROLS AFTER HOURS,**
 - b. **ATTRACTING REGULAR ADULT USERS AND ENTIRE FAMILIES WHO WILL PROVIDE CASUAL VIGILANCE AND SURVEILLANCE WHILE THEY USE THE PARK,**

- c. **INSTALLING STRATEGIC LIGHTING,**
- d. **RETAINING THE EXISTING FENCING TO SEPARATE THE PARK FROM STREET TRAFFIC AND THE STORM CHANNEL, AND**
- e. **ALLOWING PARK OPPORTUNITIES RELEVANT TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH A SENSE OF OWNERSHIP AND PRIDE TO PROMOTE POSITIVE ATTITUDES THAT DISCOURAGE UNDESIRABLE BEHAVIOURS.**

6. COSTS

- a. **URBAN FOREST OF OVER 300 TREES AND SHRUBS AND PARK GRASS SPACES - EXISTING - COST SAVINGS TO REMOVE AND REPLANT TREES AND PARK GRASSES**
- b. **PLAYGROUND WITH CREATIVE PLAY STRUCTURES AND A SPRAY POOL - CONTEMPLATED AS A COST IN ALL OF THE OTHER CONCEPTS**
- c. **PARKING AREA - REQUIRES GRADING AND GRAVELLING OF SITE**
- d. **MULTI-USE PATHWAYS - REQUIRES CONSTRUCTION OF 500 METERS OF EITHER GRAVEL OR PAVED PATHWAYS - PART OF WHICH WAS CONTEMPLATED AS A COST IN ALL OF THE OTHER CONCEPTS**
- e. **FAMILY PICNIC AND BARBEQUE SITES - INSTALLATION OF SITES ON AREAS THAT PREVIOUSLY ACCOMMODATED GOLF GREENS AND IN OTHER SHELTERED TREE AREAS**

- f. UNSTRUCTURED PLAY SPACES – EXISTING ON ESTABLISHED PARK FAIRWAY GRASS AND ADJACENT AREAS**
- g. OFF-LEASE PARKS – UTILIZES EXISTING PARK PERIMETER FENCING AND REQUIRES NEW FENCING TO TOTALLY ENCLOSE THE AREA ON ALREADY ESTABLISHED PARK FAIRWAY GRASS**
- h. CENTRAL ISLANDS AT CIRCULAR INTERSECTIONS SITUATED ALONG THE PARK’S PATHWAY SYSTEM ISLANDS FEATURING:
 - i. HORTICULTURAL DISPLAYS AT CENTRAL ISLANDS AT CIRCULAR INTERSECTIONS – REQUIRES CONSTRUCTION OF PLANTERS AND CITY GREENHOUSE PLANTS**
 - ii. PERMANENT VISUAL ART PIECES – REQUIRES INSTALLATION IN CONSULTATION AND/OR PARTNERSHIP WITH AREA CULTURAL AND HERITAGE GROUPS****

THANK YOU.

REGENT FAMILY PARK AND WALKING TRAILS CONCEPT



MCKINLEY AVENUE

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AMENITIES AND SPACES

- RETENTION OF OVER 300 EXISTING TREES AND SHRUBS
- MULTI-USE PATHWAYS
- OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS
- CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND WITH CREATIVE PLAY STRUCTURES AND SPRAY POOL
- FAMILY PICNIC AND BARBEQUE SITES
- HORTICULTURAL DISPLAYS
- UNSTRUCTURED PLAY SPACES
- CULTURAL/HERITAGE ART PIECES AND SCULPTURES

"PARKS ARE FOR PEOPLE"