

## **COMMUNICATION 135003**

Received From: Joanne Henderson, Manager of Recreation and Culture  
Addressed To: Committee of the Whole  
Date: January 30, 2024  
Topic: Miller's Crossing Park and Coleman Central Park

### **SUMMARY**

On December 12, 2023, an open house was held regarding the preliminary plans for the Coleman Central Park and the Miller's Crossing Park. In addition to the open house, a survey was also available for the public to provide input. A total of 30 individuals attended the open house, 7 completed in person surveys and 78 completed the online survey. After reviewing the comments received, the consultant has revised the concept plans, where feasible, in response to the comments. The following changes were made to the preliminary concept plans:

#### **Drawing Progress:**

- Site furnishings (benches, picnic tables, bicycle racks, waste receptacles) have been added to the plan. Benches are accessible model with the third armrest, picnic table quantities meet the requirement of min 20% being accessible
- Accessible ramps into the play areas have been located based on the play equipment choices and are now on the drawings
- Concrete curbs around play areas have been added to the drawings

#### **Summary of Changes:**

##### **For both parks:**

- The play areas have been 'right-sized' to reflect the chosen play equipment direction based on public feedback.
- At the request of public comments, trees have been re-positioned so that more are adjacent to the play equipment for shade

#### **Coleman Central**

- Layout of pathways to reflect expected traffic flow and desire lines/paths of travel as communicated by the public;
  - This includes a central gathering area where the pathways meet. This reflects comments requesting more accessible (paved) 'stopping areas' outside of the path of travel on the park pathways;
- Play equipment has shifted north to provide increased setback from neighbouring properties;
- Location of bosque has moved to accommodate changes to pathways and play equipment, and to increase opportunity for open lawn;
- Addition of an elevated accessible sand table;
- Option to include an additional swing bay. One element of the senior play would need to be removed to accommodate this and remain in budget. (Play element indicated in the attached)

### **Miller's Crossing**

- Addition of sand play;
- Option to include an additional swing bay if budget allow

The survey also requested that respondents indicate which equipment was preferred. The following are the responses:

### **Miller's Crossing Park**

#### **Play Equipment**

Option 1 – 46.48%

Option 2 – 25.35%

No preference – 28.17%

#### **Adult Fitness Equipment:**

Option 1 – 11.43%

Option 2 - 38.57%

No preference – 50%

#### **Splash Pad Equipment:**

Option 1 – 31.43%

Option 2 – 37.14%

No preference – 31.43%

### **Coleman Central Park**

#### **Play Equipment**

Option 1 – 19.44%

Option 2 – 50%

No preference – 30.56%

### **COMMENT**

The revised plans are attached. The next meeting of Council is not until February 20, 2024. As Staff would like to proceed to tender the projects to allow construction to commence as early as possible, Staff would like to request that the decision made at Committee of the Whole be considered the final decision even though the recommendation will be ratified by Council on February 20.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council support proceeding with the amended park concept plans for the Miller's Crossing and Coleman Central Parks as outlined in the report by the Manager of Recreation and Culture dated January 30, 2024 and instruct Staff to proceed to tender the projects to allow completion as early as possible in 2024.