

District of Barriere

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	<b>File:</b> 530.20/Rpts
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Chris Matthews, Parks and Roads Manager
<b>Re: Park Upgrades and Invasive Plant Program</b>	

**Background:** It has been brought to the attention of the Parks Department about the possibility of establishing an off-leash dog park in our community and creating some auxiliary trails within Community Park. Also, we have been approached by the TNRD about becoming a member municipality in their Invasive Plant Program.

**Discussion:**

Dog Park

In June of 2012, Council approved, by resolution, that should private funds be raised that a Dog Park be in the area north of the Elementary School between the ball diamonds and Airfield Road. However, the least expensive area to transform into a dog park would be Main 2 ball field. This would require installation of dugout gates and possibly a secondary entrance plus dog bag dispensers and signage.

Auxiliary Trails

Creating additional trails in Community Park would involve clearing brush and smaller trees approximately 2-metres wide in the area between the tennis court and Barriere River and connecting to the established trail system. District Staff could complete this in an environmentally responsible manner and at no extra cost to the taxpayer.

Invasive Plant Program - TNRD

The TNRD would like an opportunity to present their Invasive Plant Program proposal to council before spring. Membership is optional but may provide some benefit to the District, such as Land Ownership Assistance Program, Education and Outreach, as well as Co-ordination of invasive plant management. Their proposed tax contribution for 2022 for our municipality is \$10,000.

**Recommendation: That Council direct staff to proceed with the following:**

- 1. Researching and costing the establishment of an off-leash dog park; and**
- 2. Creating 2-m wide auxiliary trails within Community Park; and**
- 3. Scheduling the TNRD to present their Invasive Plant Program proposal**

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