

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: March 8, 2021	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: C. Matthews Parks & Roads Manager
Re: Dog Park & River Water Irrigation	

Background: During the February 8th, 2021 regular meeting, Council directed staff to research possible locations and related costs involved with establishing an off-leash dog park in the community.

Staff have also investigated the cost and viability of using the Barriere River as a source of water for park irrigation.

Discussion: The most cost-effective and simple solution is to convert Main Ball Park #2 into an off-leash dog park. A small section of new fence and two gates could be installed in-house to utilize the existing entrances into the ball diamond (see Concept Drawing #1 on the next page). This way the facility could still be utilized as a ball diamond if required. A gravel path leading to the entrance from the Field House, a dog bag dispenser and signage would also be installed. Staff have estimated the total cost for conversion is \$3,860 and would be funded through the Trans Mountain Pipeline (TMP) Community Benefit.

As the District has an adequate water license on the Barriere River, staff have considered using this source of **non-potable** water to irrigate Community, Fadear, Ball Park and Gray Place Parks. This would involve the installation of a pump system in Community Park and tie-in to the existing infrastructure on the east side of Airfield. The cost for the system is estimated at \$40,000 and could also be funded through the TMP Community Benefit.

An amendment for the point of diversion would first need to be applied for and approval from First Nations would also be required prior to extracting surface water from the river.

Recommendations:

- a) **THAT Main 2 Ballpark be converted into an off-leash dog park at cost of up to \$4000 with the funds coming from Trans Mountain Pipeline Community Benefit funds: and**
- b) **THAT staff be directed to pursue the amendment of the Point of Diversion with Front Counter BC to utilize the Barriere River as a water source for park irrigation and if approved, THAT staff be directed to complete the installation with Trans Mountain Pipeline Community Benefit funds.**

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Dog Park
Concept Drawing#1

