



CITY OF ST. ALBERT ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

TITLE: Lacombe Park Lake

On November 3, 2016 Councillor Hughes provided notice in accordance with Section 23 of Procedure Bylaw 35/2009 that she intended to bring forward the proposed motion below.

In order for Council to debate the motion, the motion must be formally moved.

That Administration contract a landscape architect for up to \$xx (tbd), to review Lacombe Park Lake and design options and their associate estimated costs to provide off-leash dog access to the lake and report the results to Council by Q3 of 2017 to be funded through the Animal Bylaw Implementation Fund.

BACKGROUND:

To ensure that off-leash dog access to Lacombe Lake Park can be provided in a manner that is conducive to all park users, a landscape design would be required to provide options to move forward.

In allowing access to the lake at Lacombe Lake Dog Friendly Park for dogs, potential landscape design options will consider the following:

- Ensure traffic flow through the park and trail connectivity.
- Ensure safety for park users.
- Cognizance of environmental impacts of any proposed changes.
- Ensure alignment with the new Dog Friendly park boundary.

Cost for this design will be separate to the cost of design for the fence and plantings already approved by Council at Lacombe Lake Dog Friendly Park. Design options will be presented to the City Manager for consideration and information and potentially a request additional funds to Council.

Internal Stakeholder feedback will be incorporated through the design process as well. Administration may determine a need to vet design options with dog parks users, if there is not one clear best option to pursue.

In consultation with the Capital Projects Office, it was determined that the cost for the plan to incorporate lake access for dogs into park design will be up to \$15,000. These funds could be taken from the Animal Bylaw Implementation Fund (\$37,900 remaining). There may be additional costs for the implementation of the potential solution.

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