

Attachment 3

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1940 Woobank Road subdivision application: cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication proposal

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Reviewed by: EM

Criteria		Evaluation	Assigned Value			Comments
Category 1: General Demographic & Public Values						
			High	Moderate	Low	
1.1	Population Density	Is the site located in an area with substantial existing or anticipated residential density where there will be a high demand for community park?		✓		
1.2	Existing Park Access	Will the acquisition provide parkland to a neighbourhood that is currently underserved by parks and recreation opportunities?			✓	
1.3	Level of Public Interest	Is there a known community interest for park development in the area?			✓	area not identified in the OCP
1.4	Neighbouring Property Impacts	Could Park development in this area have a significant negative impact on existing properties in terms of property value, noise, or other undesirable impacts?			N/A	no parkland dedication is proposed
1.5	Encumbrances	Is the site reasonably free of encumbrances that would impact park development such as geotechnical, floodplain, environmental, ALR, and underground utilities?			N/A	no parkland dedication is proposed
					Low	

Parks that score highly in Category 1 are valuable potential properties for the community parks system. Parks with moderate or low value ratings should only be considered for acquisition where there are high scores in one or more of the other categories.

Category 2: Neighbourhood Park Values						
			High	Moderate	Low	
2.1	Usable Space	Does the park provide at least 0.2 ha (0.5 acres) of usable park area?			✓	No parkland dedication is proposed, however if parkland were to be dedicated, it would only be 0.02 ha which does not meet the minimum size criteria for a usable/developable community park.
2.2	Slope	Are there gentle slopes for most of the site that would support a variety of active recreation opportunities?			N/A	No parkland dedication is proposed. The subject properties have minimal grade change.
2.3	Location	Is there a significant residential population within walking distance (1 km) to the park location?		N/A		No parkland dedication is proposed. The subject property is located in a medium/high-density, urban area.
2.4	Recreation Potential	Is the site suitable to provide recreational amenities that appeal to the surrounding community?			N/A	see 2.1
2.5	Accessibility	Is the site easily accessible to surrounding population, e.g. is it connected to public roads, trail, access routes?		N/A		see 2.1.
2.6	Cultural, Historic or Heritage Values	Does the site contain any valuable cultural, historical, or heritage features that warrant protection?			✓	unknown
2.7	Education or Interpretive Values	Does the site provide features with educational or interpretive value that would support interpretive development?			✓	
			Low			

Parks with a majority of high value ratings for Category 2 are potential properties for classification as neighbourhood parks. These properties should be considered for neighbourhood park designation.

Category 3: Ecological Park Values						
			High	Moderate	Low	
3.1	Sensitive Ecosystem Protection	Does the site include significant sensitive ecosystems that warrant protection?			✓	
3.2	Unique Landscape Features	Are there unique or representative landscape features such as significant trees, rock formations, water features, or other features that warrant protection?			✓	
3.3	Endangered/Protected Species	Are there known blue- or red-listed species occurring on the site or within the surrounding area?			✓	
3.4	Potential Habitat or Wildlife Corridor	Does the site have potential to maintain or form a wildlife corridor that connects natural features?			✓	
			Low			

Parks with a majority of high value ratings for Category 3 are potential properties for classification as nature parks as they protect unique or sensitive features. These properties may warrant consideration for natural park designation or protection through other means.

Category 4: Linear Park Values						
			High	Moderate	Low	
4.1	Trail Route Connection	Does the site form a potential connection to the regional or community park trail system?			✓	
4.2	Community Amenity Connection	Does the proposed site link community amenities or facilities to a neighbourhood (e.g. provide access to schools, retail areas, parks, or other destinations)?			N/A	no linear trail is proposed for this site
4.3	Max. Slope	Does the route provide gentle grades for accessible trail?			N/A	no linear trail is proposed for this site
			Low			

Parks with a majority of high value ratings for Category 4 are potential properties for classification as linear parks as they provide trail connections. These properties may warrant consideration for linear park designation.

Category 5: Water Access Values						
			High	Moderate	Low	
5.1	Shoreline or Riparian Protection	Is the site near a water body or river corridor and capable of providing shore line protection or enhancement?			✓	
5.2	Accessibility	Is the site reasonably accessible with minimum need for stair or ramp construction?	N/A			
5.3	Small Development Footprint	Can the park be developed to provide water access with no or minimal tree or vegetation removal?	N/A			
5.4	Enhanced Access	Can water access be combined together, or with park land to provide enhanced public access?	N/A			
			N/A			

Parks with a majority of high value ratings for Category 5 are potential properties for classification as water access sites as they provide access points to water bodies - including the ocean, lakes, rivers, wetlands, and streams. These properties may warrant consideration for water access designation.