



REQUEST FOR DECISION

File # 1220-20, 1190-20

Report To: Mayor and Council
From: Director of Public Works and Utilities
Presenter: Jim Stewart
Subject: Administration Report No. 0134/23
Kin Park - Pump Track Procurement
Meeting: Regular Council
Meeting Date: 11 Dec 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

"THAT, Council direct Staff to procure the designing and construction of a 2000 Square Metre Pump Track for Kin Park from the Canoe Procurement Group approved vendor Canadian Ramp Company from Oakville, Ontario for the sum of \$600,000 (no GST)."

CAO'S COMMENTS:

Canoe procurement has proven to be a cost and labour efficient method of sourcing various capital acquisitions for the City of Fort St. John. This organization leverages the consolidated buying power of a national group representing public sector organizations.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

"THAT, Administration Report No. 0134/23, Kin Park - Pump Track Procurement be received for information."

or

"THAT, Administration Report No. 0134/23, Kin Park - Pump Track Procurement be received, AND FURTHER THAT, Council decline staff's request to procure an Asphalt Pump Track for Kin Park."

KEY ISSUES(S)/ CONCEPTS DEFINED:

Kin Park was identified for upgrades in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan adopted by Council in 2016 and based on extensive community input throughout 2019 and 2020, the need for an expanded bike track as well as a scooter and skateboard circuit was identified.

Through careful review of current trends and community engagement, staff have determined that a pump track in Kin Park would be the best fit to satisfy these needs.

RELEVANT POLICY: Council Policy No. 22/22 - City Purchasing and Tendering Policy

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

COMPLIANCE WITH STRATEGIC PILLARS:

Vibrant Community – Invest in community safety, social, cultural, and recreational programs.

Managing Assets – Build and manage assets that support the current and future needs of the community.

COMPLIANCE WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

GENERAL:

The evolution of "an expanded bike track as well as a scooter and skateboard circuit" to the development of a pump track is a direct result of ongoing feedback from existing user groups as well as an observation of current trend within municipalities throughout Canada.

Staff have heard from the current user group of the Rotary Skate Park that the park is over-crowded and that young and beginner users find it intimidating to use. There has also been conflict with bikes using the park.

The recent upgrades to Kin Park have included several skateboard features to help alleviate some of these concerns.

The construction of a pump track will also help alleviate these issues as it will give the biking community a location that is designed for their use. This project is to design and build an intermediate level track and a smaller entry level track in the general area of the dilapidated tennis courts.

A pump track is a circuit of rollers, banked turns and features designed to be ridden completely by riders "pumping" to generate momentum by up and down body movements, instead of pedaling or pushing. They were originally designed for the mountain and BMX bike scene, and due to asphalt construction, they are also used by skateboard, scooters and are even accessible to wheelchairs.

Pump tracks are relatively simple to use and cater to a wide variety of rider skill levels. Riders can ride an asphalt pump track almost immediately after a rain event while dirt

jump tracks take time to dry out.

The pump track will contain two areas, one for beginner riders and another area for more advanced riders.

The decision to locate this track to the old tennis courts was a result of Staff hearing from the BMX community about the desire to keep the current dirt track in Kin Park. The old tennis courts have been in disrepair and non-serviceable for many years.

ORGANIZATIONAL:

FINANCIAL: Funds for this purchase are allocated in 2023 Capital Projects - Kin Park Upgrades

FOLLOW UP ACTION: If approved, a contract with Canadian Ramp Company will be executed, with anticipated online feedback sought in early February and construction in June and July 2024.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

The Kin Park Upgrades are part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Community consultation was an integral part of creating the Plan for short and long term park upgrades for all City parks.

Once a couple draft designs are prepared an online public consultation will take place to aid in the final section of the design.

COMMUNICATION: Communication to the public through the construction phase will be through the City's Communications Department.

DEPARTMENTS CONSULTED ON THIS REPORT:

Grounds
Public Works and Utilities
Planning and Engineering
Communications

Attachments:

Sample Pump Track Image 1
Sample Pump Track Image 2

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
Jim Stewart, Capital Projects Manager
28 Nov 2023



