

To: Members of the Town Council

From: Mark Russell, Chair
Fort Williams Park Committee

Date: November 23, 2016

Re: Fort Williams Park - Project Funding Request

On behalf of the Fort Williams Park Committee, I would like your consideration in approving four projects in Fort Williams Park that would be funded by the Capital Fund Budget (865). Our overall fund balance is healthy and we had \$355,982 as of June 30, 2016. We expect to meet our revenue projections at the end of FY 2017, which would provide a total of \$500,000 to utilize for capital maintenance or projects. With the proposed Amphitheater project now on hold, funds are available to address projects in the Park that we feel will have a safety and/or maintenance-related benefit. The intent is to have these projects completed by June 1, 2017. The projects being proposed are as follows:

Powers Road Guardrail Replacement – \$21,000

The wooden guardrail along the entrance road is starting to succumb to the elements. Several of the posts and rails are showing signs of rot. A majority of the guardrail was installed in 1998, followed by a 100' extension 2011 on the westerly (or main entrance end). It is proposed to replace it with a similar type of material.

Wheatley Road Guardrail - \$8,500

There is a significant drop-off for about 230' on the northerly side of Wheatley Road, or the road that leads up to the overflow parking area by the former fire station. With the opening of Children's Garden, we are now encouraging Garden visitors to park in the overflow area, which has increased the amount of vehicles now transiting the roadway. A wooden guardrail (similar to that along the entrance road) is proposed to be installed to provide a safety barrier.

Replacement of Perimeter Fencing - \$35,000

Much of the wire fabric perimeter fencing along Shore Road has been replaced with a fabricated aluminum fence. It is more aesthetically pleasing and has enhanced the Park's appearance, especially at the main entrance. It is proposed to continue the replacement from the current terminus just north of the main entrance to the rear of the Surf Road properties. The funds proposed would also include replacing the two gates at the Chapel Road entrance.

Overflow Parking Area (Near former Fire Station) Sidewalk Removal - \$20,000

There is an existing sidewalk along the southwest edge of the Overflow Parking area. It borders the location of the former bleachers and extends past the Children's Garden. The walk was originally made of concrete but was paved over several years ago. The pavement is in poor

condition and there are several trip hazards along the surface. It was also recently identified as being a safety issue by a Loss Control Consultant from the MMA Risk Pool. At this time, it is proposed to remove the walk and restore the disturbed area with loam and seed. The Committee would then undertake a comprehensive study of pedestrian needs and walkways in the Park.

The Fort Williams Park Committee appreciates your consideration of our request.