

## BYLAW 20916

### Designation of Reserve - Edgemont Community and Ecological Park

#### Recommendation

That Bylaw 20916 be given the appropriate readings.

#### Purpose

To designate the parcel Plan 2322736, Block A – a portion of Edgemont Community Park – as Municipal Reserve (MR) in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).

#### Readings

Bylaw 20916 is ready for three readings.

A majority vote of City Council on all three readings is required for passage.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, City Council must unanimously agree “that Bylaw 20916 be considered for third reading.”

#### REPORT

Edgemont Community and Ecological Park is the Edgemont neighbourhood’s central public space. The northern area is intended to accommodate a public elementary/junior high school, a community league site and a variety of outdoor recreation amenities. The southern area contains an existing playground and Natural Area (NW339). The park currently comprises seven parcels:

- Plan 2322736, Block A
- Plan 1721514, Block 1, Lot 128MR
- Plan 2322737, Block 13, Lot 1MR
- Plan 2322737, Block 13, Lot 2MR
- Plan 1920259, Block 5, Lot 1MR
- Plan 1920259, Block 5, Lot 2MR
- Plan 1320806, Block 12, Lot 1MR

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Development of the park will result in cross-lot drainage, contrary to the Drainage Bylaw, 18093. This issue can be resolved through consolidation of the seven parcels, which can only occur if all of them are designated as Municipal Reserve (MR) per Attachment 1. Including the ecological portion of the park in the consolidation will allow for flexibility in controlling water flow to the existing Natural Area (NW339), helping ensure its long-term viability in alignment with the approved Site Specific Management Plan. A map of the area to be designated is provided in Attachment 2.

In addition to allowing for park development, the designation of Block A as MR and its consolidation with the other parcels will serve to simplify and protect the park space. Consolidation of the park includes three separately zoned parcels including a Parks and Services (PS) zone which is intended to support education, recreational and community needs including a future Public elementary/junior high school and associated school and community park programming; a Neighbourhood Parks and Services (PSN) zone which is intended to support neighbourhood level recreation including the existing playground at the south end of the park; and, a Natural Area (NA) zone which is intended to conserve, preserve and restore the identified natural area, features and ecological processes at this location. Consolidation aligns with the Edgemont Neighbourhood Area Structure Plan which identifies the subject lands for school, community park and Natural Area.

### **Community Insight**

Through the approval of the Edgemont Neighbourhood Area Structure Plan, community expectations were set for a central community park and the preservation of a substantial tree stand. This bylaw supports those expectations. Administration will further engage with the community as part of the park development process.

### **Budget/Financial Implications**

Designation and consolidation work will support the development of the Edgemont community park. Funding in support of planning, design and delivery of the Edgemont community park was provided through the 2023 Fall Supplementary Capital Budget Adjustment. This work is currently progressing to align with the construction of the Edmonton Public School Board elementary/junior high school.

### **Legal Implications**

Pursuant to section 665 of the MGA, City Council may, by bylaw, require that the Registrar of the Land Titles Office designate a parcel of land that the City owns as Municipal Reserve (MR).

Once a parcel of land is designated as MR, it can only be used for MR purposes as set out in section 671(2) of the MGA. To dispose of the parcel, such as selling or leasing it, the designation would have to be removed through a City Council motion following a public hearing, pursuant to section 675 of the MGA.

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### **Attachments**

1. Bylaw 20916
2. Map - Designation of Municipal Reserve - Edgemont

### **Others Reviewing the Report**

- M. Plouffe, Chief People Officer and City Solicitor