

## Parking Options - 66 Avenue and 88 Street

### Recommendation:

That the March 25, 2015, Transportation Services report CR\_1696, be received for information.

### Report Summary

This report provides a summary of the discussions held by Transportation Operations with the Edmonton Christian Community Church and the Argyll Community League regarding parking concerns in the 66 Avenue and 88 Street area.

### Previous Council/Committee Action

At the September 22, 2014, City Council Public Hearing, the following motion was passed:

That Administration meet with the Edmonton Christian Community Church and the Argyll Community League to discuss possible options to address parking needs in the 66 Avenue and 88 Street area and report back to Committee.

### Report

At the September 22, 2014, City Council Public Hearing, Council heard public comment on and gave three readings to Bylaw 16944 - To allow for park space for passive and active recreation opportunities, Argyll, Mill Creek South. The bylaw rezoned City-owned parcels of land from (AP) Public Parks Zone, (RF1) Single Detached Residential Zone and (US) Urban Services Zone to (AP) Public Parks Zone and (A) Metropolitan Recreation Zone. This land includes the soccer field neighbouring the Edmonton Christian Community Church's parking lot. At this hearing, Mr. J. Pun, Council Chair, Edmonton Christian Community Church, raised concerns as the bylaw did not address the parking shortage in the area.

### Community Consultation

The immediate area of 66 Avenue and 88 Street is experiencing an increased demand for parking arising from the growing use of the Argyll Park recreational facility and the scheduled operations of the Edmonton Christian Community Church. Argyll Park, located at 69 Avenue and 88 Street, is comprised of the Velodrome, Argyll Community League Hall/Edmonton Japanese Community Association Hall, softball fields, a soccer field and on-site parking accommodating approximately 99 vehicles. The Edmonton Christian Community Church is located at 8810-69 Avenue, with an on-site parking lot containing approximately 160 parking spaces.

On November 12, 2014, representatives of Transportation Operations met with Mr. J. Pun, Council Chair, Edmonton Christian Community Church, and Rev. H. Ling of

Edmonton Christian Community Church to review the existing parking situation and to discuss possible options that could be considered to help manage the current parking concerns. Mr. D. Trautman, President of the Argyll Community League was unable to attend the meeting and has shared his comments.

The Argyll Community League and Edmonton Christian Community Church are aware of the parking concerns within the area and have worked together to implement measures to help reduce parking impacts within the community. To lessen the impact of non-resident parking on adjacent residences, the Edmonton Christian Community Church has rescheduled events and staggered the times of worship services to spread out the demand for parking. In addition, a shuttle service is offered from the Argyll Park parking lot (69 Avenue and 88 Street) to the church. This arrangement has been in place for a minimum of five years and is reciprocated by allowing users of the adjacent soccer field to park in the church parking lot. Community Services and the Edmonton Christian Community Church have collaborated on using the Argyll Park parking lot, located at the north end of 88 Street, for additional parking and as a loading area for church events. This has alleviated some parking concerns around the church. The Edmonton Christian Community Church is informed by Community Services in advance of events that require the Argyll Park parking lot, to allow for other arrangements to be made for church events.

An option of implementing angle parking along the west side of 88 Street, from 66 Avenue to 69 Avenue, was also discussed. At 9.3 metres wide, 88 Street is too narrow to accommodate angle parking and two-way traffic, which would require a 12.3 metre width.

Edmonton Christian Community Church has suggested that the City consider having the small soccer field (8803-66 Ave) adjacent to the Edmonton Christian Community Church property, converted to a parking lot. Edmonton Christian Community Church has also indicated that it is willing to partner with the City to share the cost of this project. Based on the high use of the soccer field, Administration does not support this option.

The Argyll Community League believes it should be possible to find a way to add parking to the sports park for its needs without constraining travel along 88 Street and through the neighbourhood. The Community League is also in favour of expanding the capacity of the shared parking located at the north end of 88 Street for use by all stakeholders. This may require removal of some grass space and necessitate a drainage study to be undertaken. This option can be evaluated during the Argyll Park Master Plan review and update.

### Next Steps

Many changes have occurred in the community since the 2007 Argyll Park Master Plan was prepared. Removal of a sports field and the development of additional parking space in Argyll Park will not be considered until the relocation of the Velodrome to the Coronation Community Recreation Centre is confirmed. A final decision on the

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Velodrome is not expected until 2018. At that time, all the potential changes in the use of the Park can be properly considered by Community Services in a review of the Park Master Plan.

Specifically, to address the Argyll Community and Edmonton Christian Community Church concerns, including parking options, the development of an updated Park Master Plan would require further consultation with the Argyll and Hazeldean Communities, the Edmonton Christian Community Church, special interest groups and other Civic services.

### **Budget/Financial Implications**

The funding request for development of the Argyll Master Plan is being submitted by Community Services in the 2019 - 2022 Capital Budget cycle.

### **Attachment**

1. Map - 66 Avenue & 88 Street

### **Others Reviewing this Report**

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