

BYLAW 21408

Designation of Reserve - Oxford Community Park

Recommendation

That Bylaw 21408 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To designate parcel Plan 1124811 Block 19 Lot 2 – a portion of Oxford Community Park – as Municipal Reserve (MR) in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA).

Readings

Bylaw 21408 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 to third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 21408 be considered for third reading.”

REPORT

Oxford Community Park is the Oxford neighbourhood’s central public space and is identified as an existing park within the Northwest District Plan. The park is currently unprogrammed open space. However, the park is intended to accommodate a Catholic K-9 school, a public junior high school, a playground and other outdoor sports field amenities. The park site is zoned Parks and Services (PS) Zone which is consistent for sites with identified or planned school development.

The site consists of two (2) parcels:

- Plan 1124811 Block 19 Lot 2
- Plan 1124811, Block 19, Lot 3MR

The proposed Catholic K-9 school envelope will straddle both parcels. This will also result in cross-lot drainage, which is contrary to the Drainage Bylaw 18093. The issue can be resolved through consolidation of the parcels, which may occur if all parcels are designated as Municipal Reserve (MR) per Attachment 1.

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The designation of Lot 2 as MR and its consolidation with Lot 3MR will serve to simplify and protect the park space.

Community Insight

City policy aims to ensure that every community enjoys safe and engaging recreational spaces. This bylaw supports these aims. Administration will further engage with the community as part of the planning and design of the park.

Budget/Financial Implications

Designation and consolidation work will support the development of two new schools and open space at Oxford Community Park. Funding in support of planning and design of the open space is being provided through the Open Space Planning and Design: Growth (CM-30-3030) capital profile.

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 sections 674 and 675 of the MGA.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 21408

Others Reviewing the Report

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