Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board
FROM: Parks Services
DATE: September 28, 2015
SUBJECT: City of Kelowna Licence of Occupation – Mission Creek Regional Park Bus Stops

Purpose:
The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Regional Board to provide a 5 Year Licence of Occupation to the City of Kelowna to permit the construction and operation of 2 Transit Stops/Shelters over a 71.7m$^2$ and 44.4m$^2$ portion of Mission Creek Regional Park along Springfield Road for a 5 year term.

Executive Summary:
The City of Kelowna wishes to construct and operate 2 enhanced Transit Stops/Shelters along Springfield Road at Mission Creek Regional Park. In order to do so, they require encroaching into Mission Creek Regional Park and have requested to enter into a 5 Year Licence of Occupation to permit the construction and operation of the Transit Stops/Shelters. The Licence of Occupation would cover 71.7m$^2$ at Springfield and Leckie Roads, and 44.4m$^2$ at Ziprick and Springfield Roads in Mission Creek Regional Park, and be renewable on a 5 year cycle. The proposed improvements directly support improved transit access to Mission Creek Regional Park and are mutually beneficial to both parties.

RECOMMENDATION:
THAT the Regional Board approves providing a 5-Year Licence of Occupation to the City of Kelowna for the construction and operation of 2 Transit/Shelters over a 71.7m$^2$ and 44.4m$^2$ portion of Mission Creek Regional Park along Springfield Road for a 5-Year term.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Director – Parks Services

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Approved for Board’s Consideration

Brian Reardon, CAO
Implications of Recommendation:

Strategic Plan: The project directly supports the Regional District Strategic Plan objectives towards “Transportation”, “Social Policy and Planning (Quality of Life)” and “Growth Management (Sustainability)”. 

Background:

The Regional District operates the nearly 90 hectare Mission Creek Regional Park as a Natural Area Regional Park. The park consists of three main components, a passive turf area with parking and playground along Springfield Road, a connection to the Mission Creek Greenway, and a large natural area with trails south of Mission Creek.

A large portion of Mission Creek was part of the former Class 'C' Southerland Hills Provincial Park, the large main front end to the park along Springfield Road is under a 30 Year Crown lease, and the remainder is owned fee simple by the Regional District.

The main access points to the park are along Springfield Road at Durnin, Leckie, and Ziprick Roads, additional minor access points are located off of Hall Road. In addition, there are Transit stop locations along Springfield Road at Durnin, Leckie, and Ziprick Roads.

The Transit stops at Leckie and Ziprick are along the roadside in the bike lane with no pull off for buses. As a result the City of Kelowna wishes to improve these Transit stops to provide a bus shelter, and pull off to increase the safety of vehicles, cyclists, and transit passengers. In order to do this, it was determined that through the transit stop design that the project would need to encroach into Mission Creek Regional Park. Therefore the City of Kelowna has requested that the Regional District approve entering into a 5 Year Licence of Occupation to permit the use of 71.7m² at Leckie Road and 44.4m² at Ziprick Road to construct and operate the enhanced transit stop/shelter at these two locations.

Financial Considerations:

No financial considerations related to this report.

External Implications:

The proposed project will assist in developing a strong local and regional connection with transit and provide enhanced services for lower income residents to access Mission Creek and Mission Creek Greenway Regional Parks.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

• Legal/Statutory Authority
• Policy
• Aerial Map of the Proposed Transit Stops/Shelters

Attachment(s):
1) Aerial Map of the Proposed Transit Stops/Shelters
2) Leckie Road/Springfield Road Encroachment Plan
3) Ziprick Road/Springfield Road Encroachment Plan
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SPRINGFIELD RD

PLAN 3617

SCALE 1:500
MAILING ADDRESS 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC, V1W 3Z4
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT NO. 2445-23 PLAN NO. 3617
SEC. SW 1/4 21 TWP. 26

44.4 m² WORKING AREA BOUNDARY

DATE: JULY 7, 2015  TIME: 09:30