



STAFF REPORT INFORMATION ONLY

Site Selected for the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Project for a Multiplex Sport Pad in the Dorset Park Neighbourhood

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To:	Parks and Environment Committee
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Wards:	Ward 37 – Scarborough Centre
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to notify the Parks and Environment Committee within two months after the community consultation on the suitable location selected for the proposed Multiplex Sport Pad in the Dorset Park neighbourhood; one of the thirteen identified priority neighbourhoods.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff were requested to host consultations and work with the local youth, community representatives in the Dorset Park neighbourhood and the local councillor to determine a location for the Multiplex Sport Pad.

The abandoned parking lot for the McGregor Park Library met the criteria developed by the working group and is the site selected for this Parks, Forestry and Recreation capital project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the receipt of this report. This report is for information purposes only.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on December 11, 12 and 13, 2007 (Decision Document Item EX15.1, B.38.4), City Council requested that the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation report to the Parks and Environment Committee within two months after a consultation with community representatives in the Dorset Park neighbourhood was held as to a suitable location for the proposed “Multiplex Sport Pad”.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cc/decisions/2007-12-11-cc15-dd.pdf>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As directed by City Council, Social Development and Finance Administration (SFDA) and Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff met with the Dorset Park Youth Advisory Council on seven occasions between January and October 2008 in order to get the local users' input on the proposed Multiplex Sport Pad project planned in the Dorset Park priority neighbourhood.

The working group's mandate was to develop criteria for the proposed project and along with input from the community, identify a location within the neighbourhood meeting the criteria. Several locations were identified as potential sites – Dorset Park, Glamorgan Park, Jack Goodlad Park, Arsandco Park Hydro lands, 1670 Kennedy Road.

After visiting potential sites, it was determined that the abandoned parking lot that once served the former location of the McGregor Park Library located in McGregor Park met the criteria:

- Central to the Dorset Park neighbourhood; close proximity to TTC; close proximity to the local high school; convenient proximity to other resources.



Once the McGregor Park site had been selected, a design was developed. The public meeting was held on October 6, 2008 to present the proposed design to the community; more than 60 local residents were in attendance. The Dorset Park Youth Advisory Council led the presentation and conveyed the value and importance of this project to all of the residents of Dorset Park.

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