



As a result of the 2015 Re-Shaping Reid Park in-depth consultation, participants have contributed to a wide array of ideas on how the \$1,000,000 of cash-in-lieu of parkland can be spent in Reid Park. Some of these ideas are found in the results of the 2013 consultation but many modifications have been made to this plan as well.

There was a general consensus on the four main characteristics of Reid Park being a place for dog walking, green space, infrastructure, and community. Following from these predominant themes, participants spent two rounds of participatory sessions deliberating on priorities in the park and ways to address agreed upon concerns. Participants engaged in discussion in their table specific groups and also engaged in periodic sharing sessions in which the table specific discussions supported a room-wide deliberation. Participants were also made aware of contributions made by email, and these contributions added to the conversation as well.

While agreement was reached on certain expenditures, there still exist contrasting beliefs on how the park can be made the best it can be. This is an ongoing process and this concluding recommendation is being submitted for the Councillor to consider and help ensure the expenditure of funds is done in a feasible, timely, and conscientious fashion.

Recommendation for the use of the cash-in-lieu of parkland fund:

Parking

- Remove the existing parking lot for Reid Ave entrance, replace with controlled access
- Utilize Elmdale Bowling Club parking lot as main parking lot
- Address the issue of non-park user parking with signage and ticketing
- Rearrange fencing to secure the Elmdale Bowling Club and consult with Elmdale Bowling Club about where gates should be located for main, accessible, and maintenance entrance.
- Access to the park should be available at the north-east corner of this parking lot
- Enhance MacFarlane Lane for safety and install improved lighting on lane and in the parking lot

Pathways

- Develop a connected series of pathways that connects each entrance/exit (MacFarlane Lane, Elmdale Bowling Club parking lot, former municipal yard, and Reid Ave controlled access).

Drainage and Gradation

- Address drainage issue in north-western quadrant of the park, adjacent to the north-east side of the Elmdale Lawn Bowling Club
- Adjust gradation of the current location of the Reid Farmhouse as a sledding hill for multiple age groups



Dog Run

- The dog run has a large amount of support to remain where it is
- Build an aesthetically pleasing but effective barrier along the crest of the slope running along the east side of the dog run to address concerns of child safety and sanitation.

Former Municipal Yard

- The former municipal yard should be integrated into the rest of Reid Park to both broaden the useable landmass of the park and discourage undesired patrons in this space.
- Remediation of the soil is worth the \$150K estimate provided, but it is recommended that other sources of funding for this expense be explored.
- Remove the chain-link fence
- Install a basketball court in order to make more space available for younger children activities in the established play area
- Install a fitness circuit for adult exercise
- Establish community garden infrastructure
- Install better lighting that will illuminate the area without shining into the windows of nearby residents
- Install a series of benches
- Create controlled access from for Young St

Play Structure

- the existing play structure is good as is
- install a new play structures for both younger and school age groups
- new play structure additions for both younger and school age groups should be installed on accessible surfacing

Historical Tribute

- As much stone as possible should be salvaged from the materials of the Reid Farmhouse and included as a building material for a fence, wall, or seating area.
- The seating area, or amphitheatre, was without cost estimate but remained a supported idea among participants.
- Other uses of the stone included pillars mounted with plaques at both MacFarlane and Reid entrances.
- The Civic Hospital History and Heritage subcommittee should be consulted in the design of the historical feature.

Infrastructure and Beautification

- Repair garbage receptacles
- Install bike racks
- Install more shaded space, such as a gazebo near the play area.
- Plant more trees to decrease sound from the 417 and repopulate trees lost to Ash Borer



Washroom

- A washroom and changeroom with storage is definitely desirable. However, the \$400K cost-estimated provided by Parks and Recreation was found to be too expensive. Parks and Recreation is encouraged to find a more affordable way to meet this demand.
- The location of the washroom is desired to be as close to the wading pool as possible. The location suggested by Parks and Recreation does not seem practical as it is across the dog-run from the wading pool. Parks and Recreation is encouraged to explore the possibility of the washroom utilizing the existing pipelines that were used for the Reid Farmhouse, even though they made be in need of repair.
- Overall, this seasonal need is not prioritized over other uses of the available funds.

Recommendations outside the cash-in-lieu of parkland fund:

- demolish Reid Farmhouse and remove lilac bushes receiving the necessary funds from Life-cycle/Asset Management group.
- explore the possibility of using other existing funds for the costs of remediating the former municipal yard as well.