



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBMITTED BY: Chris Ovens
General Manager, Public Works

COUNCIL MEETING: REG COW I/C
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: February 24, 2025
REPORT DATE: February 12, 2025
FILE: 6140-20

SUBJECT: PICKLEBALL DELEGATION – PARKING LOT PAVING AND LIGHTING REQUEST

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information relating to the recent delegation from Vernon Pickleball Association and their request for additional lighting and paving of gravel parking lots at Marshall Field.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Pickleball Delegation – Parking Lot Paving and Lighting Request" dated February 12, 2025 respectfully submitted by the Public Works, General Manager;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to install lighting on the south outside wall of the indoor soccer facility at a cost not to exceed \$5000, to be funded by the 2025 Parks and Public Spaces operating budget.

ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:

1. THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Pickleball – Delegation Parking Lot Paving and Lighting Request" dated February 12, 2025 respectfully submitted by the Public Works, General Manager for information;

Note: Should Council decide not to fund the additional lighting, the access to the pickleball facility would remain as is.

ANALYSIS:

A. Committee Recommendations:

N/A

B. Rationale:

1. At the October 28, 2024 Regular Meeting, the Vernon Pickleball Association (VPA) on behalf of the VPA, the Vernon Tennis Association and the North Okanagan Youth Soccer Association requested that Council consider paving and lighting all three gravel parking areas at Marshall Field Park to address potential safety concerns.
2. Marshall Field has four (4) parking areas as shown on Attachment 1. One (1) parking area located on the west side of the indoor soccer facility is paved, provides 84 parking stalls and also has lighting. Three of the parking areas are gravel and do not have lighting.

3. The preliminary cost estimate (Class D conceptual) to pave all three gravel parking areas and install lighting is approximately \$2 million. These projects have been identified in the Parks Asset Management Plan but have not been included in the 5 Year Rolling Infrastructure Program. If Council decided to proceed with all or a portion of the paving and lighting work, a significant update would be required to the 5 Year Rolling Infrastructure Plan to fund this project.
4. Administration has been working with the VPA to determine if there is a cost effective short term solution to address their concerns. The VPA's main issue is getting safely to and from the pickleball facility to the gravel parking area east of the paved parking area. The gravel overflow area's lack of lighting and uneven gravel surface can create a potential tripping hazard. The gravel surface is graded annually but often degrades during the winter months when freezing temperatures and lack of drainage infrastructure makes repairs extremely difficult.
5. Administration is recommending that Council consider the installation of outdoor lighting on the south face of the Soccer Facility (Attachment 2). The VPA would then encourage their users to park in the paved parking lot during winter months and use the designated gravel walking area along the south face of the soccer facility that would now have additional lighting. The VPA Board approved supporting this option at their December board meeting.
6. The Regional District of the North Okanagan (RDNO) has care and control of the outdoor soccer facility. Administration has received approval from RDNO to install lighting on the south face of the facility should Council decide to proceed with this option.
7. The estimated cost to install the lighting is between \$2,500 - \$5,000 and could be funded from the 2025 Parks and Public Spaces operating budget.

C. Attachments:

Attachment 1 – parking lot site plan
Attachment 2 – proposed improvement plan

D. Council's Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |

E. Relevant Policy/Bylaws/Resolutions:

1. At its Regular Meeting of October 28, 2024, Council resolved the following:

THAT Council receive the October 28, 2024 presentation from Brent Bolin, President, Vernon Pickleball Association for information and refer to Administration for a report to Council at the November 12, 2024 meeting.

BUDGET/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Should Council support the recommendation, the \$5000 costs for the additional lighting would be funded from the existing 2025 operating budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- None
 Budget Previously Approved
 New Budget Request
 (Finance Review Required)

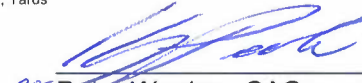
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