



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

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TO: Will Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer **FILE:** 6100-14
PC: James Rice, Director, Operation Services **DATE:** September 8, 2022
FROM: Kendra Kryszak, Manager Parks & Public Spaces
SUBJECT: KIN RACE TRACK PARK DIAMOND REMOVAL

The City of Vernon Parks Department is responsible for the care, control and funding of all parks, including the Kin Race Track Park (K RTP). The diamonds in K RTP have not been reserved or booked for game play in over 3 years. The dug outs and fields are in deteriorating condition and portions of the fencing was removed to accommodate BC Wildfire crews that were stationed at the park in 2021. The only park activities that have been on this site in 2022 are on-leash dog walking, Recreation Services camps and a few of the pop-up spray park activities.

Based on current market conditions, it is expected that the Parks Department will see increases in costs from contractor rates, supplies and overall operation and maintenance processes. In order for the Parks Department to maintain historical service levels in the majority of the parks, Administration is recommending a reduced service level at K RTP similar to other dog parks in the community. Administration is suggesting removal of the diamonds, fencing, dugouts and bleachers in 2022 using the remaining 2022 operating budget and reducing the service level for K RTP to only rough cuts for 2023 onwards. The adjustment will allow the Parks Department to achieve the Council directed 3% taxation increase and maintain all other parks at historic service levels.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize Administration to remove the diamonds, fencing, dugouts and bleachers with the remaining funds from the Kin Race Track Park 2022 maintenance budget and reduce the service level at Kin Race Track Park as outlined in the memorandum titled "Kin Race Track Park Diamond Removal" dated September 8, 2022, respectfully submitted by the Manager, Parks and Public Spaces;

Kendra Kryszak,
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