



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MEMORANDUM

TO: W. Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer **FILE:** 6140-20

PC: J. Rice, Director, Operations Services **DATE:** November 17, 2022
M. Dowhaniuk, Manager, Infrastructure
T. Silverthorn, Manager, Tourism
C. Poirier, Manager, Communications and Grants
D. Law, Director, Financial Services

FROM: J. Stewart, Senior Project Manager

SUBJECT: BRITISH COLUMBIA DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT FUND - GRANT APPLICATION

The B.C. Destination Development Fund, administered by the Province of British Columbia, is accepting applications to fund projects that foster distinct and globally competitive destinations, strengthen a year-round visitor economy, increase community vibrancy and resident support for tourism, and support sustainability, accessibility and inclusion. The Destination Development Fund Guide is available on the Province of BC's website at [dd_eoi_guidance.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/destdev/dd_eoi_guidance.pdf). The grant allows municipalities to apply for projects up to \$500,000. Grant applications are due December 7, 2022 and require a Council resolution in support of the application. Phase 2 of the Becker Park Bike Skills Park meets the grant criteria.

The City of Vernon opened Phase 1 of the Becker Park Bike Skill Park in June of 2018. As shown in Figure 1 below, Phase 2 of the bike park includes improvements and additions to the trail network, a paved pump track, a bike skills area and a new dirt jump area. Phase 2 of this project will create a modern mountain bike skills park that will provide a safe, fun, and progressive environment for all abilities of riders from beginner to expert. The project is included as part of the City's Parks Master Plan, is identified in the Rolling 5 Year Infrastructure Program 2023-2027 as a project in 2024, supports Tourism Vernon's Five Year Strategy, and is supported by the North Okanagan Cycling Society.

The project team is currently confirming the project scope and budget. The project team is confident that the amenities shown in Figure 1 can be constructed within the grant funding of \$500,000. The project is planned currently for 2024 if the grant is successful. If the grant is not successful, Administration will report back to Council with additional options and recommendations for Councils consideration and direction.

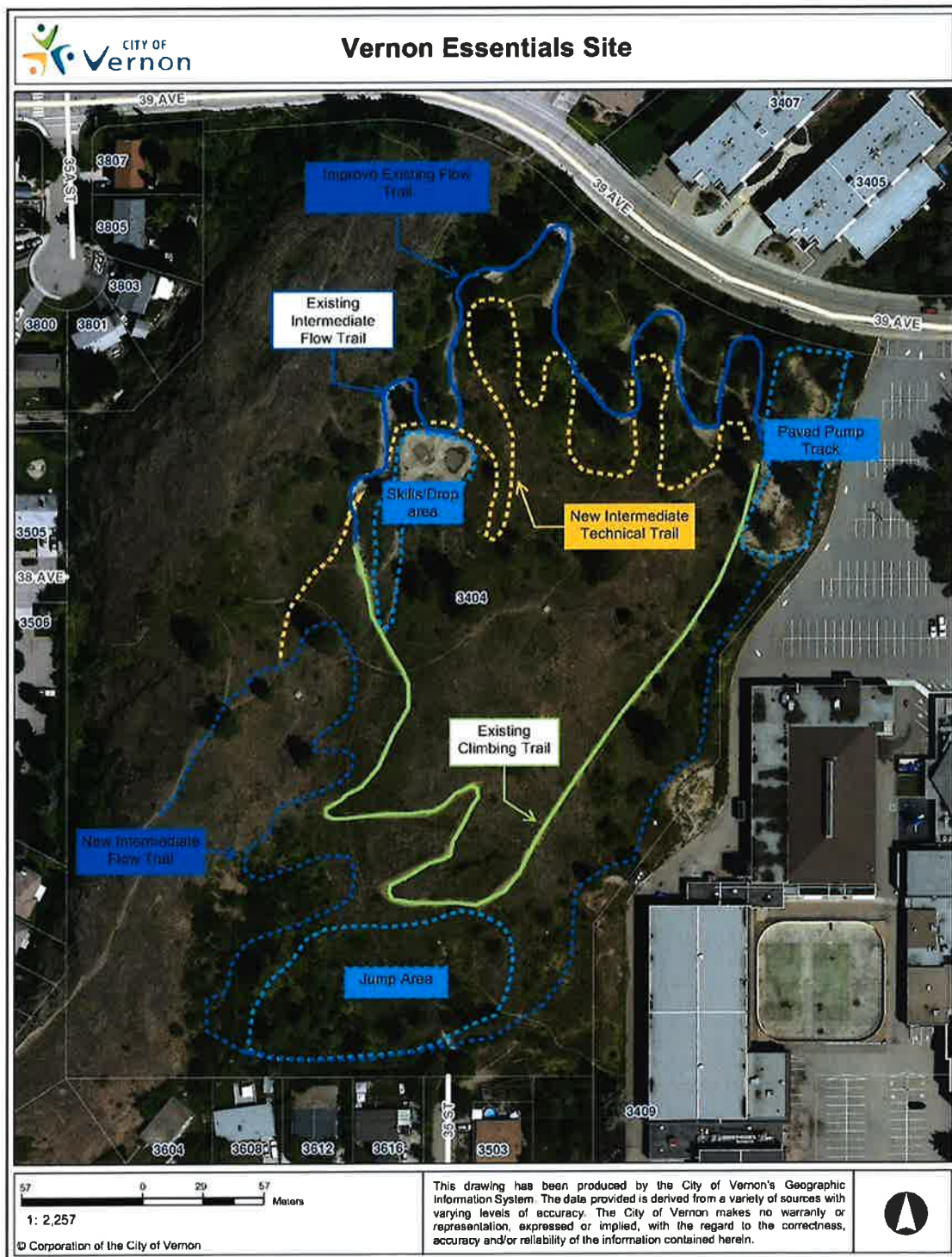


Figure 1. Becker Park Skill Park – Phase 2 Existing and Improved Facilities at Becker Park

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "British Columbia Destination Development Fund – Grant Application" dated November 17, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Senior Project Manager;

AND FURTHER, that Council support the Phase 2 development of Becker Park Bike Skills park at a cost of \$500,000;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize Administration to submit a grant application in the amount of \$500,000 to the Provincial "Destination Development Fund" program funding stream;

Respectfully submitted:

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