



COUNCIL REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: June 20, 2022

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REPORT TITLE: Doris Smith Basketball Courts – June 20, 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In February 2022, Administration was directed to provide an engagement opportunity for residents of the Windrose neighborhood in the form of a survey following the temporary measures taken in Doris Smith Park to address noise concerns related to the basketball courts. Administration received 158 survey responses with the majority of responses not in support of the temporary measures becoming permanent. Administration is bringing forward the results of the survey.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct administration to reinstall nets to ensure the provision of four nets at Doris Smith Park.

COUNCIL HISTORY

In February 2022, Administration was directed to provide an engagement opportunity for the residents of the Windrose neighborhood in the form of a survey following the temporary measures taken in Doris Smith Park to deal with resident concerns regarding noise from the basketball courts.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE

The Doris Smith basketball courts are located in the southern portion of Doris Smith Park in Windrose and is a multi-use surface that provides recreational opportunities for the residents in the neighborhood. In 2021, the City of Leduc took temporary measures in the park to help reduce the amount of noise in the park from the basketball pad. This included:

- temporarily removed two of the four nets and two of the four backboards;
- posted additional signage to raise awareness of the City's Parkland Bylaw;
- increased controls and enforcement by Community Peace Officers; and
- provided landscaping in the area for additional screening and noise mitigation.

A survey was distributed to the 790 households in Windrose which asked the following questions:

- Do you think the temporary measures implemented should be permanent?
- Do you feel the City should consider installing a second basketball pad elsewhere in Doris Smith Park to mitigate noise concerns for neighboring properties?
- If a second site was installed, would you prefer 8 ft. high hoops for younger children or the standard 10 ft. high hoops?

Administration received 158 responses to the survey.

- 10.13% of respondents were in support of the temporary measures being made permanent, 85.44% of respondents did not support the temporary measures being made permanent and 4.43% were unsure if the temporary measures should be made permanent.

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- 32.91% of respondents were in support of the installation of a second basketball pad in Doris Smith Park, 57.59% did not support the installation of a second basketball pad and 9.49% were unsure whether or not a second basketball pad should be installed.
- If a second basketball pad was installed, 51.30% of residents would prefer that 8 ft. high hoops were installed and 48.70% would prefer that 10 ft. high hoops were installed.

STRATEGIC / RELEVANT PLANS ALIGNMENT

2020 Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATION:

Administration will reinstall nets to ensure the provision of four nets at Doris Smith Park.

RISK ANALYSIS: FINANCIAL / LEGAL:

There are no financial/legal implications.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATIONS:

Administration will provide communication to residents on the continued measures at Doris Smith basketball pad.

ALTERNATIVES:

That Council requests alternate measures to be implemented at Doris Smith basketball court.

ATTACHMENTS

- Doris Smith Park Survey Results
- Doris Smith Park Survey – Late Responses