



March 18, 2024

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners
FROM : Tiina Mack - Director, Park Planning and Development
SUBJECT : **Strathcona Park Sewer and Sport Court Renewal – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on renewals at Strathcona Park.

Strathcona Park – Sewer and Sport Court Renewal

In 2022, the sport courts at Strathcona Park were closed due to a collapsed storm sewer pipe running directly below the southwest court. A temporary repair to the pipe was completed immediately following the collapse. However, due to the advanced age of the infrastructure and the risk of further structural damage, Park Board and City staff decided to completely renew both the storm and sanitary lines before reopening the sport courts which will also be fully reconstructed as part of this project, for the benefit of park users.

The sewer line work is funded by Engineering Services budgets, while the sport court renewal costs will be shared 50/50 between Engineering Services and Park Board capital funds.

Staff are currently working through the steps required to deliver a full replacement of the sewer lines, including design, environmental assessment and monitoring, and archaeological permitting. Engineering Services are targeting to begin the sewer construction work this May. Once the new sewer lines are in place, work can begin on the renewal of the sport courts.

Strathcona Park – Sport Field Lighting Renewal

The field lighting system at the all-weather field at Strathcona Park was determined to be at end of service life. The poles and electrical systems were decommissioned to protect park user safety in late October 2023. Design of replacement field lighting is currently underway with new lighting installation anticipated later this year.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tiina Mack'.

Tiina Mack,
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