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Brookville Park expansion plan final, moving ahead



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The final concept for the Brookville Park expansion, released by the Town of Milton Thursday, was strongly accepted by residents, according to the Town.

About 15 residents met with Town officials and rural councillors at the Nassagaweya Community Centre to view the concept before it's was tendered out, said Milton park technologist Lisa VanderVliet.

"It received positive feedback from the residents and there were no major concerns as these were mitigated into this preferred concept," she said.

The final concept incorporated many of the items that were favoured by residents with an emphasis placed on "buffering of the adjacent homes" in Churchill Estates, said VanderVliet.

Items that were incorporated into the final concept include: new access; improved parking (87 spots); a new asphalt multi-use trail system; a play structure with swings, slides and climbing apparatus; a covered shelter; native trees and shrubs; property line fencing and, if the budget allows,

a multi-use court.

VanderVliet said the next steps will be to tender the project out and have an arborist assess the site in order for work to begin this spring.

"The Town will now proceed with the detail drawings so that the project can be tendered out to interested bidders within the coming weeks," she said.

Concurrent with this, the Town will have an arborist assess the existing trees and hedgerows in order to ensure that dead trees or branches are removed as a safeguard for park users and the adjacent private properties.

The arborist will also make recommendations on measures to ensure existing trees remain healthy and aren't adversely affected by any changes to the park.

Originally, it was anticipated that the park would be built out over three phases. However, under council's directive, phase one and two will be combined in 2007 (completion set for spring 2008). Phase three is currently slated for 2011.

For more information on the Brookville Park expansion, contact VanderVliet at (905) 878-7252, ext. 2186.



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