

Trail Planning and Implementation Options

Phase One is the template for the remaining Park development phases.

Trail Planning

- Trail Usage:
 - Develop shared usage for pedestrians and bicycles on Backbone Trails,
 - Recognize that Old Coach and Greenhead Roads will have OHV/ATV traffic,
 - Keep the McDonald Lake Dr trail to Sunrise Park Inter-faith Cemetery as an off-leash trail for dogs (in Phase 1 area) as it has been for over 20 years,
 - Develop a groomed trail section for cross-country skiing (perhaps located in Phase 3 & 4 area, maybe using the old Pipeline Road),
 - Locate small campsites near major lakes (Otter, Big Indian, Nichols), and
 - Locate access to lakes for - Swimming, Canoeing, Kayaking & Fishing.
- A 6 feet wide Backbone Trail is not wide enough for bicycles and pedestrians.
- Trail Amenities - Recreational Resources:
 - Locate Park Benches - Essential not just a middling option,
 - Locate Picnic tables & picnic areas - Essential not just a middling option, and
 - Locate Signage - Interpretive, Location-based & Instructive.
- Everything still zoned WC (Western Commons) ? (Update Zoning).
- Develop park regulations that support traditional public usage whenever possible.
- Develop an updated Park Trail Map that details actual trail size/routing and also details the locations of various amenities and recreational resources.

Implementation Options

- Share financing to fund Park development - Seek funding from other levels of government, community groups and allow in kind labour from volunteers groups.
- Partner with community groups to supplement labour for the build & maintenance.
- Use subcommittees of the Western Common Advisory Committee to define, create and implement various Trail Planning and Implementation Options.
- Find a solution to fast track the approval process for amended Park development recommendations.

With the majority of the above done, now is the time to develop the Park.

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