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Subject: LUKES Submission - Cricket-#5

** EXTERNAL EMAIL: USE CAUTION **

Not registered to speak to Item 4 - Extended Sunday / Holiday Route – fully support it and you have so many expert speakers today – you don't need another one!

Speaking to item 5 – asking you support the decision made at the Protection, Community Services and Parks Committee

CRICKET:

La Barriere Park is 323 acres. It is located in the RM of Ritchot. No Councillor oversees it,
Park historically has not been really used – due to location / road condition / old outdated facilities

Over the past 6 years, south end Councillors have been inspired to provided funding, and engage partners over the years to upgrade the park.

UPGRADES over past 6 years:

- New bathroom
- New firepits
- Upgrading road entrance
- Upgrading to pedestrian bridge
- Chip Seal to Waverley Rd

SPORTING ACTIVITIES:

- Golf Frisbee – where the golf frisbee people installed I think 10 metal hoop/nets.
- Canoeing / Kayaking – Manitoba Paddle Association host free learn how to paddle nights – and are now also renovating and leasing the former bunker style washroom to store canoes / kayaks in.
- Winter – City grooms ski trails
- Baseball field but it was only booked 9 times last year
- Many families picnic / bird watch / enjoy nature

BACKGROUND CRICKET FIELDS:

2017:

- MCA approached me in 2017 to see if we could find room to install some cricket fields in Winnipeg. Many MCA players live in the south end – and I think that's why they approached me – it wasn't because of my cricket expertise!
- So, parks department worked with myself and Manitoba Cricket Association to locate a site for the establishment of two cricket fields in south Winnipeg,

- The parks department recommended using La Barriere Park. I worked with the parks department and I must say, in record time, two fields were established and the dept identified three potential sites for the third field.
- The department did not require a report of any kind to proceed, they just required funding for the construction of the pitches - which I & C Mayes provided from land dedication.
- State of the art pitches of concrete and carpet imported from England. Concrete requires little to no maintenance prior to each game – unlike what has to occur at Assiniboine Park fields.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- MCA – insured – Sports Manitoba
- Agreed to a lease – still waiting for legal to deliver
- Contract with Southwood Golf and Country Club to do ALL maintenance of the fields
- Working with Mb Hydro & parks department to do a large tree planting
- MCA receives funding from Sports Mb, Cricket Canada, and are working with private funders

CRICKET GROWTH:

So – over the last three years the number of players and teams have exploded – immigration, jr high and high schools now have teams, the South Winnipeg Community Center now is offering winter cricket for youth.

- **28 teams of 15 players in 2018**
- **41 teams in 2020**

MCA though there would be no cricket played this summer – (Phase 1) so because of COVID-19, they approached me to work to get the third field in.

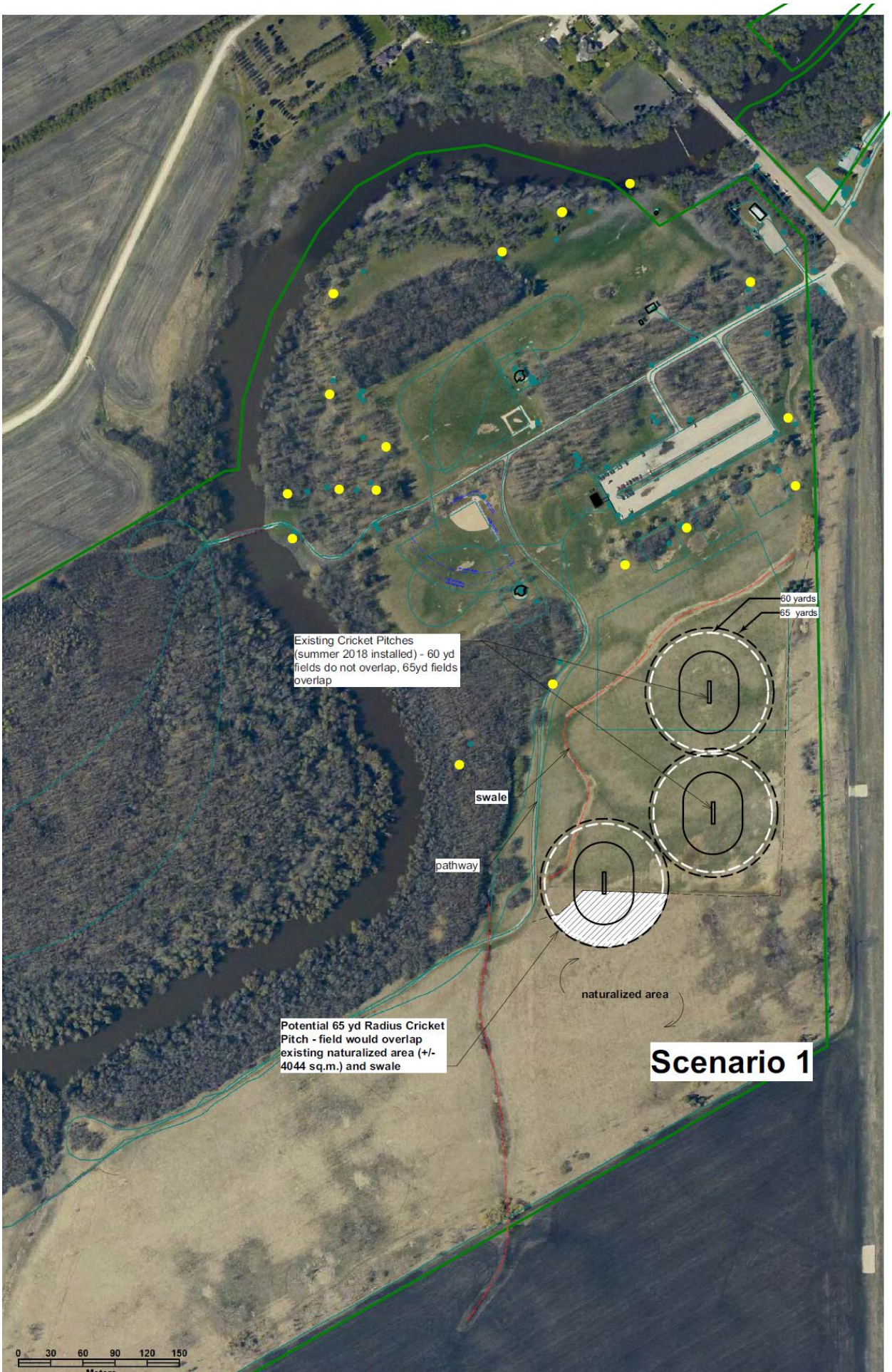
PARKS CONCERN:

- The parks department has presented three scenarios for the third field. All have challenges of some kind or another, but parks has stated Scenario 1 has the least challenges, and Scenario 1 is the preferred location for the Manitoba Cricket Association, which is right beside the other two.
- Provided 3 Scenarios – MCA supports Scenario 1 – Parks said Scenario 1 best of the tree
- Parks had concerns, but in discussions with Parks – and presented at the - All concerns can be mitigated.

SUMMARY:

- Cricket is allowing many many new Canadians to discover La Barriere Park
- Vandalism has gone down in the park
- These fields are not costing the City in maintenance, but instead it is creating valuable assets for the City
- We have the volunteer labour of many many cricket players to help with tree planting !

Hoping you will support the decision made at the Protection, Community Services and Parks Committee


60 yards
65 yards
Existing Cricket Pitches (summer 2018 installed) - 60 yd fields do not overlap, 65yd fields overlap
swale
pathway
naturalized area
Potential 65 yd Radius Cricket Pitch - field would overlap existing naturalized area (+/- 4044 sq.m.) and swale
Scenario 1
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