From: Margaret Redmond
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To: Prinsloo, Pieter ; Poitras, Andrew
Subject: Budget Working Group Re: Assiniboine Park roads

Good morning,

I wanted to pass on our appreciation for the Assiniboine Park roadwork currently reflected in the preliminary budget. As stewards of the Park, we regularly receive complaints about the condition of the roads and, in some cases, it has become a safety issue for cyclist and roller bladers. Assiniboine Park is visited by citizens from all corners of our City and is a magnet for visitors from outside the City. It will be fitting for the condition of the roads to reflect the level of care now evident in the rest of the park and zoo.

There are two requests we would have as operators of the Park. These requests have been shared with city staff but we have not reached any agreement on these issues.

1. Although Cricket Drive could definitely benefit from some work, the more pressing section is Locomotive Drive. This road is in very bad shape and will be the road used to access The Leaf when it opens in late 2022. This world class attraction should not be accessed by roads which are in a very poor state of repair. To do this work at a later time would be incredibly disruptive to people's access to this new attraction. Cricket Drive is utilized less than Locomotive will be and APC anticipates it becoming pedestrianized space in the near future.
2. With the roadwork reflected on the list, we would also ask that the city consider how it can work with APC to, at the same time, enhance the availability of active transportation on these routes.

Perhaps the budget could reflect some flexibility in this regard for City staff to collaborate with APC on how best to utilize the overall budgeted amount.

Again, we are very grateful that this much needed work is being addressed,

Sincerely,

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