



2023 Service Review Council Questions

SERVICE AREA: Municipal Parks

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ELECTED OFFICIAL: Pelham

QUESTION:

why such a jump in fte from 16.89 in 2022 to 19.89 in 2023?

ANSWER:

16.89 reflects the 2022 Q2 forecast vs the 2022 approved 18.01. The difference is related turnover. The increase between 18.01 and 19.89 is related to approved operating impacts for Rec Grounds and the Nancy Pauw bridge.



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SERVICE AREA: Municipal Parks - Cemetery Management

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ELECTED OFFICIAL: DiManno

QUESTION:

Could you please elaborate on the rationale for pushing the columbarium project out to 2025/2026?

ANSWER:

Administration was requested to rebalance the 10 year capital to smooth out future expenses. Administration would also like the opportunity to revisit revenue assumptions around cost recovery.



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SERVICE AREA: Municipal Parks - Snow and Ice Mgmt. Pedestrian

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QUESTION:

how does the \$17,138/km sidewalk and pathway snow clearing cost/km compare to other municipalities?

ANSWER:

We do not currently benchmark this service with other municipalities.



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ELECTED OFFICIAL: DiManno

QUESTION:

Not exactly sure where to ask this but as it was mentioned in the Successes - confirming what the ice rink situation will be for the 2022/2023 winter season?

ANSWER:

There will be 2 outdoor rinks this season in the same locations as last year. One at the train station, and another behind the Fenlands. Both are currently under construction and likely operating shortly.



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SERVICE AREA: Municipal Parks - Trail System Maintenance

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ELECTED OFFICIAL: DiManno

QUESTION:

What kind of damage has occurred due to horses?

ANSWER:

All shared trails experience damage every year due to horse use. Damage seen involve primarily surface issues including uneven ground. The damage is not major, but it does require grooming as needed to ensure the trails are safe. The Cave Avenue mixed trail is now being used in the same manner as Glen Avenue and so it is to be expected that we are now seeing a similar need for focus on that trail section. The wear on the Glen Avenue trail was similar to other years and so (depending on the future trail decision on Cave), should it remain shared, we expect a similar type of wear on the Cave Avenue trail as well.



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QUESTION:

council expectations.... 2) who is responsible to maintain legacy trail from Banff Ave to Compound Rd.... impossible to bike with snow cover, and risky to ride on the road in winter. This section is not in either the 5k or 12.7km option for increased snow clearing.

IS THERE A WAY TO ADD THIS INTO A NEW SERVICE REQUEST?

ANSWER:

Parks Canada is responsible from the transit turnaround northeast bound



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QUESTION:

challenges - dusty trail on shared trail with horses from BTR. Can the dust be controlled?

ANSWER:

Municipal Parks uses a pre-blended "trail mix" on our trails. Currently no dust complaints have been logged so dust control mitigation measures have not been explored. There are mitigation measures available for gravel roads that may be applicable here and that could be explored if requested.



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SERVICE AREA: Municipal Parks - Parkettes, Boulevards, Green Spaces

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ELECTED OFFICIAL: Pelham

QUESTION:

are the # of parkettes, blvds, and green spaces increasing? why to we have an increase in FTE from 2.62 in 2022 to 3.34 in 2023?

ANSWER:

Yes. The increase between 2.62 and 3.34 is related to approved operating impacts for St.Julien and Moose Street between Marten and Squirrel.



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ELECTED OFFICIAL: DiManno

QUESTION:

Is there consideration of areas where there are "desire lines" when we're looking at the sidewalk building program?

ANSWER:

Yes this is an input that is considered. Other factors include the sidewalks condition assessment (to identify long sections needing replacement), principal pedestrian routes that may be under served and trail counter data (where available).

Following the paver replacement, the next priority will be to upgrade the asphalt path along the south side of Caribou Street from Otter to Grizzly streets to a new wider concrete sidewalk, this will complete the strengthening of the pedestrian connection between downtown and the tunnel mountain trail head and Banff Centre. During the early planning phase the project will also contemplate local storm water improvements and investigate the feasibility of burying the overhead power for this block. Planning and design work is ongoing with a build year of 2023 or 2024 depending on budget capacity.

Other projects identified for future years include:

1. North side of Moose Street from Muskrat to Banff Ave
2. Extend Squirrel Street west side down to parking lot trail by Rabbit Street
3. Widen North side of Wolf Street between Banff Ave to Muskrat Street
4. Widen Beaver Street west side of 200 block



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SERVICE AREA: Municipal Parks - Sports Fields, Parks, etc.

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QUESTION:

Can you explain more in-depth what's causing the issues at both dog parks?

ANSWER:

The Hawk Ave dog park has had some challenges in previous years, similar to the original site tied to materials surfacing in ground thaw cycles. Spring site walks will continue followed by shallow excavation in areas of high concern as it hoped that less materials will surface each year. At the Banff Recreation Grounds dog park, Fox Tail weed mitigation will continue as required and user notifications posted. However, as Fox Tail is present in other natural areas and can be transported by dogs, annual inspections and mitigation may need to continue. The sod conditions have improved from the spring and annual maintenance and partial closures will continue as is done in other urban dog park municipalities with natural grass surfaces.



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SERVICE AREA: Municipal Parks - Urban Forest

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QUESTION:

An increase in FTE from 1.75 to 2.31 - why?

ANSWER:

This reflects the increase of scope relative to urban forest maintenance impacts; watering, pruning and fencing, of approved capital projects such as Rec Grounds, Nancy Pauw bridge, etc.



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SERVICE AREA: Municipal Parks - Seasonal Pageantry

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ELECTED OFFICIAL: DiManno

QUESTION:

What can we do to educate businesses about cleaning up patio/their pedestrian zone space ahead of it next summer?

ANSWER:

In previous years administration looked into a bonding process (e.g. posting a security bond) to ensure cleanliness and upkeep. This was deemed to be an unwieldy process and was not used, with enforcement being the preferred approach. It was observed that patios with the most significant refuse issues were those that did not operate and administration intends to restrict permits for those operators in 2023.



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SERVICE AREA: Municipal Parks - NSLR Budget increase for Replacement of 2 Electric Vehicles

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QUESTION:

is the polaris gem eL XD road-legal and usable year round? (esp in winter). We definitely need 2 of them? one won't do for now?

ANSWER:

Yes it is street legal and winter drivable. Two vehicles are still required as they also when originally approved in 2019. The additional fleet will improve efficiency by enabling deployment of "right-sized" crews.



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QUESTION:

earlier the cost/km sidewalk & pathway clearing = \$17,138/km. In 3rd chart, operating cost of 5.3k increase = \$183,439 in 2024 / 5km = \$36,687/km the rate is double the cost of clearing other sidewalks in town.

ANSWER:

The 5.3 and 12.7kms NSLR reflects the most accurate estimate for the cost to do this service. Model was created to reflect actual required resources; labour, equipment and materials, to provide this service 7 days a week.



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SERVICE AREA: Municipal Parks - NSLR Increased Winter Pedestrian Route Servicing

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QUESTION:

Have seasonal staff expressed staying on for winter in the past?

ANSWER:

Not always as many summer seasonals either already have winter jobs at the ski resorts or are students returning to class. However it is case by case and there are instances where we would like to convert a seasonal to fulltime for the ideal candidate.



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QUESTION:

To confirm - it's not feasible to have the staff incorporate Bear Street into either the 5.3km or 12.7km? However, if there is time after completing Bear Street, the Bear Street crew could provide support elsewhere?

ANSWER:

Correct, not feasible as the equipment required to do sidewalks is different than the equipment specified for Bear Street. However synergies may be found, at times, with the "enhanced sidewalk and intersection" crew.