Common Ideas from Comments Received on Charette Plans

A. Large support for plans #1 and #5.
B. Large support for active on north side and passive on south side.
C. Greater support for multi-use fields on north side near Victoria Way as opposed to Adrian Street.
D. Limited interest in Patrick’s Mound.
E. Large support for boardwalk through wetland.
F. Interest in community orchards.
   • Parks currently has not developed a policy on community orchards so we are not yet able to place community orchards within our park system.
G. Interest in community gardens on site with preference of garden sites on north side of property.
   • Parks can identify an area in Victoria Park as potential community garden site, but Parks does not build community gardens. Policy is for community members interested in garden site to submit proposal for garden site and Parks makes final determination on approval.
   • Draft of Community Garden Policy is attached. Policy approved by Parks Commission, but has not been approved by City Council.
H. Additional parking preferred on north and south side.
I. Amphitheater preferred near wetland.
J. Play area preferred on north side.
K. Preference for rest rooms and picnic shelter on both active and passive sides of park.
L. Preference for canoe and kayak storage to be located on top of bluff near park entrance off Stewart Street.
M. Limited interest in bread oven.
   • Parks has discussed bread oven with maintenance and operational staff. Bread oven is possibility, but “Outdoor Bake Oven Policy” would need to be developed and would require backing of a well organized community organization that is self-insured. See sample policy from Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation which outlines general framework.
N. Limited interest in funicular.
   • Parks to consider some type of vertical access down existing bluff. However, have not found any examples of public use without an operator. Also, Parks does not believe a critical mass sufficient to support a funicular will be present in Victoria Park.
O. Some interest in meditative labyrinth or garden.
P. Interest in tennis courts being provided on Nova property.
   • Parks would consider construction of tennis courts as partnership with Nova Classical Academy.
   • Preference for 4 court minimum.
Q. Interest in native plantings on site.