

Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club

Expansion Open House

Overview

On August 23 and 24, 2011, the Stanley Park Lawn bowling Club held two open houses to inform the public about the development of a second green to the west of the existing green. There were over 75 people in attendance. Comments and questions were left for the group's consideration.

The second green is need for the following:

- To increase availability of space in which to lawn bowl, in order to better foster the sport of lawn bowling
- To increase membership size and user mix
- To make available Provincial and National tournament space, benefitting all players, the community and the City
- To allow flexibility in scheduling member, versus special and user group events

FAQ's from Open House

1. What is going to happen to the trees?

Public trees are City of Calgary property and their protection is mandated by municipal bylaws (Tree Protection Bylaw 23M2002 and Street Bylaw 20M88). This includes trees growing in parks, natural areas and road right-of-ways. The City of Calgary requires compensation for any removal of trees and the replanting of new trees within the available areas.

2. How will parking needs be met?

There is parking designated on 42 Ave and designated on street parking on 4th Street and more parking at the north entrance parking lot at the pool. However there is no short term plan for additional parking to be constructed at this time.

3. Will this development take up too much of the green space?

Stanley Park is 113,547 square metres the second green will take up approximately 1800 square metres which equate to 1.5% of the green space in the park. Open green space will not be impacted by the new site.

4. Can there be a lease on a regional park?

The City of Calgary, Open Space Policy:

- Each site should be designed to respond to the regional market in terms of flexible facilities, year-round use, ongoing programming and attractions. Therefore, the community needs assessment process should be used to address all issues of demand, program development, financing, partnering and operations.
- Programming developed to life cycle an existing park should respond to current social and cultural changes within the region.

5. Is there going to be a walkway or passage on the west end of park?

The design has not been finalized and circulation around the park would be a consideration at that time.

Comments from the Open House:

Great use of Parks. Low cost entertainment and exercise

Why not situate next to 42nd Ave. to provide better access and be less intrusive?

Too much congestion for such a small park

It interrupts the open space of the park year round basis

Great idea

Great idea get rid of those poplar trees

Nice to see the park used so much

Will encourage exercise for seniors

Fine addition. Good Luck

Fun game we should put more tax money to activities like this

Great Idea, but why don't you go the other way

Can be enjoyed by everyone

2 greens in the South Stanley Park and 2 greens in the north make sense to support bowling in general and for Provincials and Canadians (Nationals)

The lawn bowling club needs the expansion to incorporate all the members that want to join. Hope to see it go!!

Allocates too much of the park to a single use, effectively cuts the park into two portions, shortage of parking, takes out too many trees, should not take place without a concept plan for the future of the entire park.

Potential parking problems regret cutting off playground from direct access to pool

Why not an expanded facility in a location further South? Stanley Park is already very well used in season.

A "Senior" Lawn bowler for 11 yrs. A wonderful sport for all ages-wish I'd have started 20 yrs ago-gentle exercise, good fun, friendly folks

Great Idea! Good use of park space

Can only add to this great community

Will be sending in a letter of concern Regional Parks should not be leased!!!

Need more parking spaces

There is already a parking problem. What about parking?

Why not use the old school yard in Manchester specifically for lawn bowling?

Great fun game for everyone

Great idea and great way to bring in members to join the group

Having a second green is a fabulous idea. However taking it in the proposed direction is not. Taking out those trees & roots will be a nightmare! It should go south.

A great asset to the community (near & far)

Impressive, know very little about it. I like how it looks

Great Idea! Love the sounds of lawn bowling

I vote in favor - yes

I like that the proposed space is going to the west. Great use of park space.

Will be a plus to the park & area

Good to see the City supporting such a great idea