MEMORANDUM

Date: June 16, 2014  Our File: 1610-204794
To: Mayor and Council
From: Anne Mooi, Director of Parks and Community Services
Re: Updated Revision to June 2, 2014 Resolution re Whyte Lake

Please find attached a revision to page 2 of the report titled Park Dedication Bylaw No. 4794, 2014 for Whyte Lake Area and Trail which includes clause 4 of the motion passed by Council at the June 2, 2014 Council meeting:

4. *Staff be requested to report on the carbon credit value of Areas 1 and 2 following the park dedication bylaw.*

Regards,

Anne Mooi
Director of Parks and Community Services

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2. Parks and Planning staff meet with adjoining land owners to explore watershed protection and possible land-use transfers.

3. Staff report back in early Spring with a recommendation on the optimal boundaries for a park dedication bylaw around the Whyte Lake watershed, trail, and Larson Creek wetlands.

At the June 2, 2014, regular meeting, Council passed the following resolutions:

1. The optimal boundary for a park dedication bylaw for the land surrounding Whyte Lake and Whyte Lake Trail identified in Appendix A to the report dated May 12, 2014, as Areas 1 and 2, be approved;

2. The area identified in Appendix A to the report dated May 12, 2014, as the Larson Creek Wetlands, be considered for future park dedication, subject to further public consultation;

3. Staff prepare a proposed Park Dedication Bylaw for Areas 1 and 2, to be known as Whyte Lake Park; and that

4. Staff be requested to report on the carbon credit value of Areas 1 and 2 following the park dedication bylaw.

1.2 History

The ‘Parkland Protection and Acquisition’ recommendations within the 2012 Parks Master Plan focus on ensuring the protection of all existing and future parks with park dedication bylaws. These recommendations also identify the need to protect areas with high environmental values, cultural and heritage features, and trail corridors.

Protection of the land surrounding Whyte Lake and the Whyte Lake Trail is a high priority action of the 2012 Parks Master Plan. This land was identified as providing significant community benefit. It is also a very popular hiking destination, both locally and regionally, due to the area’s accessible pristine lake and forest.

2.0 Policy

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The 2012 Parks Master Plan sets the direction for the management, protection, and enhancement of, and community engagement within, West Vancouver’s parks and open spaces. Recommendations in the Parks Master Plan adopted by Council in June, 2012, include the following:

2.2.1 Pass park dedication bylaws as soon as possible for de facto parks that are of a high priority to the community.
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