



Corporate Report

NO: R149

COUNCIL DATE: July 27, 2009

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council DATE: July 16, 2009

FROM: General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture FILE: 6140-20/J

SUBJECT: Conceptual Plan for Joe Brown Park

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. Receive this information; and
2. Approve in principle the Conceptual Plan for Joe Brown Park as described in this report and as illustrated in Appendix III attached to this report.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the consultation that has been undertaken with the community and stakeholders regarding the Joe Brown Park Concept Plan since it was presented to Council in June 2007 and to seek Council approval of the finalized Joe Brown Park Concept Plan.

BACKGROUND

Joe Brown Park is a community level park located west of 125A Street, and south of 55 Avenue within the Newton/West Panorama Ridge community. The Park is 27.5 hectares (68 acres) in area and is named after J.T. Brown, a former Surrey Councillor and member of one of Surrey's best-known pioneer families. The properties that comprise Joe Brown Park were acquired by the City beginning in 1932 through to as recently as 2003.

The currently developed portion of the park supports a softball diamond, a soccer field, equestrian facilities leased to the Panorama Ridge Riding Club (PRRC), washrooms and trails. The Serpentine Greenway that is a spur of the Trans Canada Trail complements

Forest trails. Joe Brown Park is currently the only park in Surrey that accommodates equestrians.

The western portion of the park was a City-owned gravel quarry known as Colebrook Pit from which gravel was extracted until 1983. When quarry operations ceased, the City used the excavated areas as a depository for clean excavation soils from City construction projects. The central portion of the pit is known as 'the bowl'. In 2004, City Council designated Colebrook Pit as a park to confirm the future use of the lands.

Concern from local residents related to City's continuing fill operations on the site led to a collaborative park planning process that was initiated in 2006. The process was directed by a City staff steering committee (including Parks Division and Engineering Department staff) and a consultant team lead by Catherine Berris and Associates Landscape Architects. The process involved work with stakeholders and the general public and resulted in a draft Joe Brown Park Conceptual Plan. The public consultation process to date has included six (6) stakeholder meetings, two public Open Houses and a mail-out survey.

An overview of the plan and consultation process was presented to Mayor and Council at a Council-in-Committee meeting on May 28, 2007.

Mayor and Council received a delegation from the West Panorama Ridge Ratepayers Association (WPRRA) on June 11, 2007. The delegation raised concerns about the amount of space allocated to equestrians in the conceptual plan given the low number of residents on the Ridge that own or ride horses. WPRRA requested that the staff revisit the plan and do a more thorough canvassing of the West Panorama Ridge residents to confirm interest and support for the park plan. Mayor and Council supported this request and requested that staff take appropriate action.

This report provides an update on consultations held with stakeholders and residents following the previous Council presentation.

DISCUSSION

Parks, Recreation and Culture staff met with Executive of the WPRRA to review and discuss their concerns and to explore potential solutions. At the meeting it was agreed that the Parks Division should gather additional input from the community to confirm if the support shown at the most recent Open House is valid in relation to support for the proposed plan and equestrian features. Staff agreed to conduct a public survey by mail to all West Panorama Ridge residents regarding the equestrian aspect of the Plan in particular.

Mail Survey in 2008

In 2008 the Parks Division developed a public survey about the equestrian components of the Plan. The survey included a letter, an information package including the proposed park plan, a comment form and a postage-paid reply envelope. The survey was distributed by regular mail to approximately 500 West Panorama Ridge properties. The

letter and survey content were developed with input from the WPRRA and included a key question: *Do you support the proposed upgrades to equestrian facilities at Joe Brown Park?*

The mail-out survey resulted in 95 returned comment forms where 74% of the respondents were supportive and 13% were neutral to the park plan. Only 13% indicated a negative response to the question posed.

Of the 95 survey respondents 92 (97%) were West Panorama Ridge residents and 3 (3%) lived elsewhere in Surrey. A complete summary of the resident responses and a map that indicates the geographic location of the survey respondents is attached as Appendix I to this report.

Stakeholder Correspondence

The survey results were shared with the WPRRA in January of 2009. WPRRA expressed some ongoing concerns with the survey format and findings and advised that they intended to issue their own web-based survey for Association members. Staff agreed to wait until the Association's survey results were known before taking further action.

The Riding Club (PRRC) contacted the Parks Division in the spring of 2009 and expressed concerns related to the delay in reporting to Mayor and Council on Joe Brown Park. The PRRC agreed to contact the WPRRA to see how the concerns related to equestrian uses could be addressed. The two groups met in March 2009 and came to consensus surrounding a number of park plan elements. The groups then crafted a joint letter to the City and requested a follow up meeting to review finalization of the Plan and implementation timelines. A copy of this letter is attached as Appendix II to this report.

In the letter the stakeholders outline a number of areas where they have reached consensus and a few outstanding concerns about the proposed plan.

The stakeholders agree that no commercial operators should be permitted in Joe Brown Park, that PRCC will continue to be the designated operator of the equestrian facilities and that Joe Brown Park will remain a community multi-use park with equestrian trails and facilities. The groups also agree that the existing equestrian facilities should remain and the proposed cross-country course will be reclaimed during the completion of the recontouring plan for the pit area. For now, the main park gate will remain closed except when games or events are booked in the park and that the City should maintain and extend the multi-use trails for all users.

The WPRRA and PRCC recognize that concerns remain about growth in the equestrian facilities and the potential for programming of multi-day equestrian events in the park. There is also a concern that the park will be promoted as a City-wide or regional destination for equestrians. The neighbourhood and park do not have the capacity to contain such events or facilities.

On May 12, 2009 Parks Division staff hosted a meeting as requested by the WPRRA and the PRCC. At the meeting, and in follow-up correspondence, staff confirmed that it was not the intent of the Plan to create a City-wide equestrian destination but rather to provide opportunities for PRRC and neighbourhood equestrians to work together with the City to

enhance the existing equestrian facilities. At the meeting, staff agreed to revise the Park Plan to reinforce the neighbourhood nature of the proposed equestrian facilities.

Preferred Master Plan – Plan Summary

An illustration of the revised Preferred Joe Brown Park Conceptual Plan is attached as Appendix III and is described in the following paragraphs.

Nature-based uses are the dominant theme for the new park plan including the major multi-use trail that is a spur of the trans-Canada trail on the Serpentine Greenway which is connected to the Metro Vancouver's South Surrey trail. Other nature-based uses include recreational nature trails, designated equestrian trails, viewpoints and habitat management and enhancement areas.

Informal recreation areas are provided as grassy open spaces for lounging and casual play. Seating areas will be created on a newly formed terraced mound, which will maximize ocean views from the highest point in the park.

Active uses will be expanded and diversified. The existing softball diamond and soccer field are to be improved. The equestrian riding rings are to be enhanced and made publicly accessible in partnership with PRRC. Adjacent to and buffered from the equestrian area is a neighbourhood dog off-leash area. Neighbourhood scale dirt jumps for cyclists are included in the middle portion of the park and complement mountain bike facilities available in the Corporation of Delta's nearby Watershed Park. The bowl is designated as a public access area where local equestrians will work in partnership with the City and area residents to create a cross-country circuit for horses.

The Operating Agreement with the Panorama Ridge Riding Club will be revised as necessary so that the equestrian facilities become publicly accessible and to ensure that equestrian trails in the park are well signed and defined.

The Park Conceptual Plan envisages a park that is unique with terraced landforms, forests and meadows, outstanding views and recreation facilities and trails that support diverse park use. The Plan requires an ongoing management strategy. Parks Division staff will continue to work with local residents to monitor park use and access and make changes as the Park evolves over time.

Subject to Council approval of the Revised Conceptual Plan for Joe Brown Park, the Parks Division will formalize a time-line for development of the park since the public is very interested in having the park completed as soon as possible. Staff intends to issue a request for proposals to perspective partners to complete the filling and grading required of the bowl and terraces. The total estimated time for completion of the development of the western portion of the park is 5 years.

It is expected that the entire park plan could be completed in 10 years if parks capital funding stays at current levels. The development process could be completed sooner if additional funding becomes available.

CONCLUSION

Park stakeholders agree that Joe Brown Park is a significant element in the Surrey parks system. Based on the information contained in this report it is recommended that Council approve in principle the revised Conceptual Plan for Joe Brown Park as illustrated in Appendix III attached to this report.

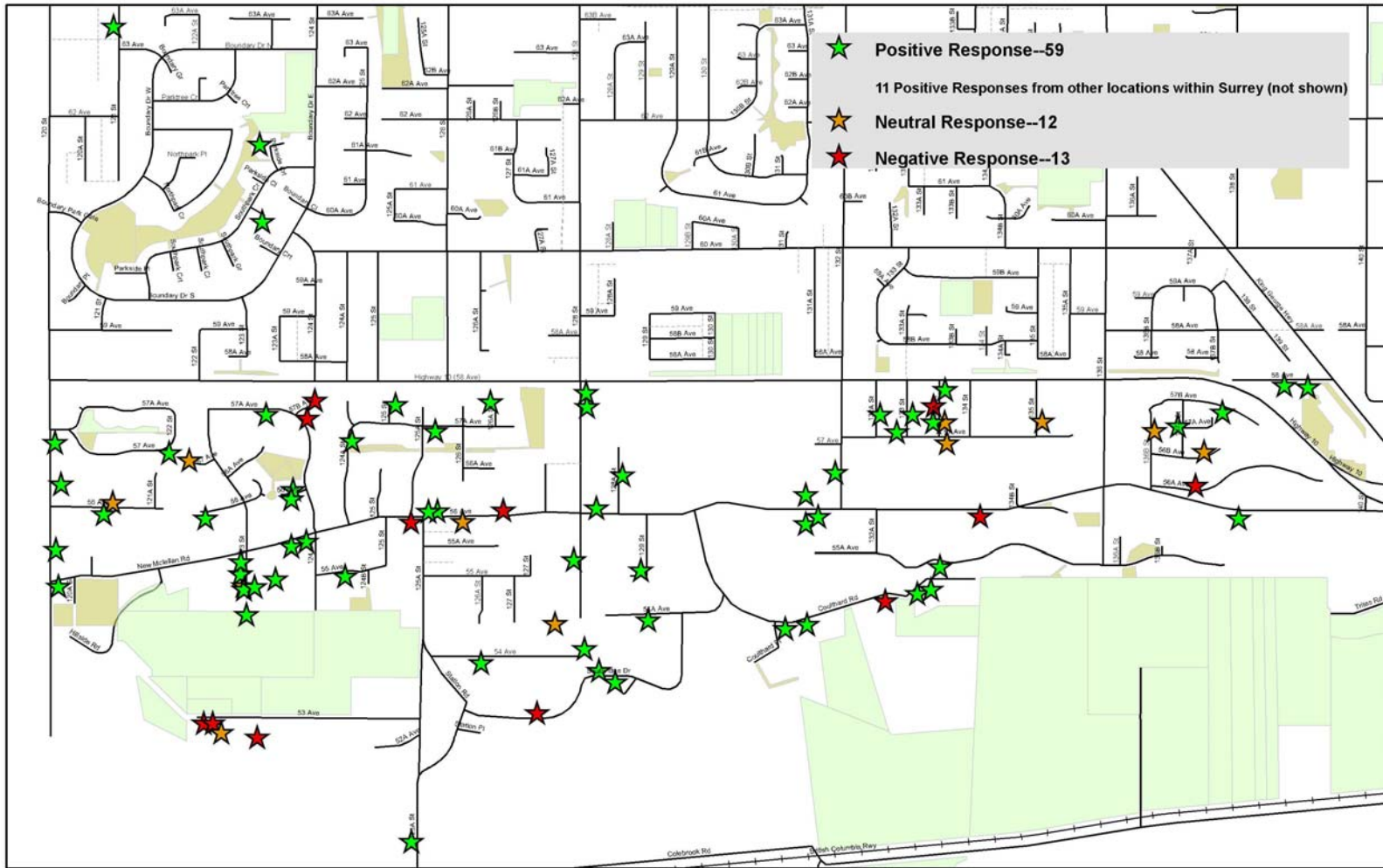
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Attachments

Appendix I Mail Survey Results
Appendix II Letter of Consensus from Stakeholders
Appendix III Conceptual Plan for Joe Brown Park

Appendix 1 - Mail Survey Results



**Location of Responses from
 Joe Brown Feedback Forms**

Date Plotted : June 2009

Date of Photography : March 2007

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The data provided is compiled from various sources and IS NOT warranted as to its accuracy or sufficiency by the City of Surrey.
 This information is provided for information and convenience purposes only. Lot sizes and legal descriptions must be confirmed at the Land Title Office

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Joe Brown Park Redevelopment Feedback Form - December 2008

Feedback Form Findings

503 residents were invited to participate in the survey by direct mail with postage paid reply envelopes included

95 Surrey residents replied with comment sheets by returned by January 12, 2009. The percentages below are based on the 95 responses:

Do you support the proposed upgrades to equestrian facilities at Joe Brown Park?

70	Yes	74%
13	No	13%
12	Neutral	13%

Of the 95 respondents, 92 (97%) were Panorama Ridge residents, and 3 (3%) lived elsewhere in Surrey.

There were also 13 respondents from outside Surrey including Vancouver (6), Delta (3), West Vancouver (1), Aldergrove (1), Langley (1) and Calgary (1). Of those responding from outside Surrey, 92% were in support of the proposed upgrades to Joe Brown Park and 8% opposed.

Reasons for responses to the preferred plan as presented:

Yes:

- I strongly agree with equestrian facilities for our community at Joe Brown Park.
- Make sure that sufficient parking spaces are provided to eliminate side street parking.
- Preserving our land for recreation is a great idea – we're running out of room!!
- If this process has been already passed – it should stand.
- More bike trails would be nice please.
- The equestrian facilities are a part of the appreciation we have for the rural setting of this area. We wish this to never change.
- I think the dog park is especially a good idea. It will make the park a destination for the immediate community, as opposed to a gathering place for a slightly dodgier crowd.
- I also wish to comment that since the full-time caretakers have been at Joe Brown Park I have felt a lot safer when I walk through the park!
- We have had many positive comments on us being in the park as caretakers.
- We feel so much safer since the caretakers lives there.
- We enjoy the park a lot more since the caretaker is in residence there.
- The caretaker residence means a big improvement to the safety and enjoyment of the park.
- Like it very much, especially the off leash dog area + I am glad they have a caretakers residence there now.
- I would like to see the caretaker to remain. I feel safe walking in this park and there has not been any vandalism at the riding club.
- More walking trails + a small seniors campsite or trailor site for security.
- As a cyclist the horse trails are good. The horses will phase out over time. JB Park does need to connect to the storm sewer path and Colebrook Road.
- Now that there is a caretaker on site, we feel much safer and it is so nice to see the vandalism has stopped!

- The caretaker should remain. There are drug deals that often take place in the park when no one is there. The caretaker helps remove this problem.
- Need to conserve caretakers trailer—much decreased incidence of vandalism since someone is there 24/7. The X-country course is a resource for all – not just the horses stabled on Pan. Ridge – once the ground is lost we can never develop it back.
- I am really glade about the caretakers residence! It really improves the safety aspect of the park for the community.
- Excellent – We will use the dog off-leash area and playing field.
- I am thankful that we have an equestrian area in Panorama Ridge – it gives the area a country feel in the city. I am happy we now have a caretaker in the park as it makes the park feel safe knowing someone is close by. I have also noticed the loitering of teenagers have gone down.
- This will be a big improvement
- Provided there are a good number of riders in the area who will utilize the facilities. Boy, could we have used this upgrade years ago when the riding club was so busy and everything was done by volunteers and donations from the parents. Facility will require 24 hours security if past history is the guide.
- Is it possible to install park benches in the proposed plan?
- Good one – get on with it so we can actually use the park!
- #2 indoor facilities—make sure they are vandal proof. Perhaps a small parking area before the gate.
- I like the plan. I have lived here 30 years and I always like the natural nature aspect of the park. We do not need any “artificial” toys or BMX bike. Trails for bikes are just fine. Keep it natural please!!
- Dog off-leash park may be too close to riding ring – riders safety may be an issue if dogs are barking + running along fence line. Would like to see caretakers remain.
- I have carefully reviewed the proposed plan for Joe Brown Park and I am in complete agreement with the suggested improvements and the land area use.
- Looks good.
- Can the road cleaners clean the paved road into the park it is going back to natural again, not much point in paving if it is never swept. Also don't give into the drug dealers – hire patrol for parks in neighbourhood – Mud Bay, Serpentine Fen, etc... It can't cost that much in a year!
- The equestrian facilities make our neighbourhood unique. Please continue to enhance them.
- But will this mean equestrian events include the rest of Lower Mainland?
- If you're going to spend for the improvement of Joe Brown Park, is it possible for small neighbourhood parks for friends and neighbours to meet, walkers to rest and seniors to relax? JBP is quite far from us on the east side of 132St/Hwy10. Thanks for asking our input.
- Looks great, but the cross country area was used a fair bit when it was there. Would be nice as Unicorn does not have one (I don't think.)
- We really appreciate the presence of the caretaker. The park feels safer & I know many seniors feel the same.
- Yes, just do it!!
- Security against vandalism etc?
- I think it important to keep the equestrian facilities as it is the only one in Surrey (even though I am not an equestrian!)
- It's good to see the City keep up the out of the way “multi-purpose” parks & not just focus on our other sports facilities ie. Soccer.
- We would like to see more bike trails, + more dog walking areas.
- This is a unique area that should be protected for use as an equestrian riding area. I would encourage and support expanded plans to create more accessible riding areas for equestrian clubs.
- So many of us love riding in the park we feel lucky to have it.
- I strongly support the proposed equestrian facility expansion. That will reserve our country's long-standing tradition of horse riding, which is an important park of our history. This tradition is well worth continuing as long as possible.

- No mention of present equestrian facility caretakers residence is made. If any caretaker is required, they should be charged with total park area—the present caretaker is rarely ‘in residence’ during daytime hours. A locked park gate provides the security—current ‘caretaker’ designation is a farce! Either provide security for the whole park – or forget it + remove present ‘caretaker’.
- It would be nice to accommodate wheel chair access??

Neutral:

- How can you give respect for this consideration if they are currently not respecting their own neighbourhood?!
- It is pretty disappointing and unacceptable that this neighbourhood is soiled with horse “droppings” all over driveways and sidewalks. It seems the “equestrian club” don’t have to be accountable and responsible for what they mess up the neighbourhood and as a taxpayer in an area that pays a higher than the average Surrey resident, I think this club should be accountable for/and being better Surrey residents before they get some more special consideration. They need to clean up their own backyard first!!!
- I support & approve of the off-leash dog area as we need more of them in Surrey.
- Our only concern is the security of the proposed multi-purpose building—who will pay for that? Realistically, the only likely users are the equestrian club and local rowdies. Cheers!
- Yes to everything except the dog off-leash area. If it is completely fenced off safely—then it may work.
- Everything else sounds great. Glad to know that the natural environment is of importance.
- Who is paying for these proposed upgrades?
- Would like a paved bicycle path all the way around the park so that one can safely ride bicycles with young children. I haven’t seen anything like this in Surrey, but have in other cities. It is really an important aspect for children’s safety and fitness and something your families are scared to try on the roads.
- I would prefer to see additional space for sporting fields such as softball and soccer. Is there any provision for decent parking of vehicles? Also there are numerous vicious dogs in this neighbourhood. I believe an off-leash area will lead to additional attacks by these types of dogs on both humans and other docile dogs.
- Sounds good.
- Want to keep park casual as it is. Keep gate locked 24 hours a day. The paths + trails are fine as they are.
- Like having caretakers in park. Would like larger off-leash area for dogs.
- We think that the park should have some facilities that everyone can enjoy. We would like a to see some tennis courts, a fitness track and a playground.
- As long as the riding facilities see regular use, I have no issue with the space allocated. I think it’s a neat thing for local people, especially kids, to be able to watch.
- I have no problem with the equestrian use of the park. I would just like the City to get on with it and get it finished.
- That most trails are shared between equestrian, pedestrian and bicycle so park can be used by local community equally.

No:

- Too much of the park is already dedicated to the equestrian usage. I walk through the park on a regular basis and I have seen very few events or horse sightings (maybe 6 or 8 this year).
- Keep dogs on a leash! Twice last year, I was approached by snarling dogs. The dog owners offered no apology for their behaviour. I am 72 years old and my reaction time is not that of a younger person. I felt intimidated!
- I’m strongly opposed to the off-leash dog area. There have been several dog attacks in this area already, involving off-leash dogs. This off-leash area would be dangerous for park users.

- Existing horse areas in the upper park should be maintained + upgraded as necessary, but the lower bowl area should be multi-purpose + not dedicated to cross country horse track.
- The park should be entirely family bicycle friendly, not just the small bicycle park especially since there is going to be the access point for the multi-use greenway trail which leads into the Boundary Bay/Mud Bay trail system.
- Riding Club Expansion-The riding club has enjoyed +/- 35 years of subsidized facilities. Public funds should not be allocated to expand an underutilized facility. In the early days of the riding club, the horse population in the area rivalled the human population. The horse population in the area compared to human population in the area now is negligible.
- Indoor Facilities-This would only be a benefit to the riding club. Due to the limited access to the park and poor conditions of the playing fields facility, indoor facilities would be of little use to any other park patrons.
- Trails-Improved access to trails from 53rd Ave would increase the existing problem of criminal activities, garbage dumping and loitering at the existing trail entrances to JT Brown Park.
- The Jim Arnold Trail should be improved to the south east and south of the playing field extending to the riding rings to discourage horse traffic on the playing field to access the riding ring.
- Bowl Area-Should be developed for BMX Biking and skate boarding. More residences of the area participate in these activities than ride horses.
- Dog Off-leash Area-The park's existing "dog on leash" policy should be maintained and enforced. There is a considerable amount of "aggressive dogs" in the area that should not be off-leash at anytime or any place.
- Playing Fields-The baseball diamond outfield should be levelled and resodded with some improved drainage. Horse traffic should be eliminated from the playing field. The tree branches on the east boundary of the field should be trimmed back. Soccer posts should be made available for use from Sept. to April. During spring and summer the baseball field is utilized continuously and should be properly maintained.
- Park Access-The policy of having the park locked continuously should be discontinued. JT Brown Park is a public facility funded by Surrey taxpayers and should be made available to the public in the same manner as every other public park in Surrey.
- My family has been residents of this area since 1951. In the late 50's my father and neighbours built a playing field and erected a baseball back stop and soccer posts at JT Brown Park. In the mid 60's my parents and neighbours built the riding trails and riding ring. Three generations of the Corbett family have enjoyed JT Brown Park and still utilize the park. The funds for JT Brown Park improvement should be allocated to the facilities the will benefit the largest percentage of area residences.
- I would like to see nature trails to exclude horses! Phase back equestrian access to grass areas to leave them clean for public use. Owners of horses do not clean up after them leaving the area unusable for children + public.
- More hiking trails, nature trails for the public use, excluding horses. Make a skateboard bicycle park.
- We do not support the increase of equestrian facilities to accommodate equestrian events from the whole of Surrey and the Fraser Valley. The existing equestrian facilities for the immediate neighbourhood should, however, be maintained.
- The introduction/expansion of facilities to accommodate the activities of a 'select group' from well beyond the local community should be denied as it might adversely impact the general use of the park by all residents, especially the non-equestrian fraternity.
- Trail & Cross country expansion.
- If equestrian usage is declining should expansion be necessary?
- No public money should be used for this limited purpose.
- I do not want the park opened up for activities that aren't suitable for the neighbours, e.g., drugs, hookers & generally unsavoury people hanging around. The gates being closed to vehicles has been the best thing done in years!!!
- I am more inclined to think that not spending any money on enlarging or anything, leave it as it is, would be the best!! I do like the caretakers in the park. It makes it feel much more comfortable.
- Too much expansion of equestrian facilities.

- Would like to see two fully enclosed, full time dog off-leash areas—one for dogs <20 lbs; one for dogs >20 lbs.
- I do not support making Joe Brown Park a regional riding facility and having our community park inundated with trucks pulling horse trailers. I am opposed to a ‘shared’ cross country facility in the bowl area.
- The community association opposition and the rationale for this opposition is not expressed in this survey! We have expressed these opinions many, many times!!
- We support the current use of the park for some equestrian purposes. We do not support the expansion of equestrian usage, or the designation of some current walking trails as “equestrian trails”. If there are to be “equestrian trails”, why not the lesser used trails north of the horse facilities?
- We object to the fact that most of the prime treed (and navigable) trails in the south east section are designated “equestrian trails, with pedestrian allowed”. These are the trails our family uses most often for walking, though the prevalence of horse manure and mud frequently makes their usage very difficult. Unless some measures are taken to minimize the amount of manure on trails, the expectation that horses and pedestrians will share some trails is wishful thinking at best. How ironic that we expect dog owners to remove droppings from the park while horse owners consistently pollute the trails and roadway.
- Expanded equestrian facilities – less space than proposed
- Do not support cross country circuit
- I support more walking trails, bicycle park, the multi-purpose building, off-leash area.

Responses from outside Surrey:

Yes:

- We live on Delta side of Panorama Ridge + are members of the riding club. Please continue to support + improve the equestrian facilities for Surrey. Surrey is a diverse city, + this unique area should be protected + encouraged to grow. Horses, dogs will always have a place in this community. (Delta)
- The caretaker should remain. The park is safer for all people and no more vandalism. (Vancouver)
- The equestrian park is much appreciated. (Langley)
- The equestrian facilities at Joe Brown Park are essential to the surrounding community. We use the park several times a year and will use it more often if the cross country area continues to be developed. Most Vancouver parks maintain a caretaker's residence, we were pleased to see a caretaker on-site last Spring at Joe Brown Park + hope the City of Surrey continues to provide a caretaker for this park. (Vancouver)
- As a previous resident of 12355 New McLelland Rd. from 1999-2007, I strongly support development plans for Joe Brown Park. A larger dog off-leash area would be beneficial as most dogs are off-leash around the bowl area anyways. (Calgary, AB)
- The plan appears to be a reasonable compromise for sure by many interested parties + would be a lovely multi-use facility + still preserving many natural features to be enjoyed with a spirit of cooperation and good fortune to have this available. (Delta)
- This is a much needed + necessity facility for the equestrian community and wonderful open space for non equestrian. (Aldergrove)
- The caretaker should stay to prevent vandalism. (Vancouver)
- Keep the caretaker, it reduces vandalism + stops the drug dealing which has always been prominent when I've been there. (Vancouver)
- I support the proposed upgrades to the equestrian facilities at Joe Brown Park. The caretaker should remain as the park is safer for all people and no more vandalism! (Vancouver)

Neutral:

- None.

No:

- First, woven wire fences and horses generally do not mix; should a horse kick or step through the fencing, serious physical damage may be inflicted upon the animal. Next, I am concerned about the accessibility of the trailer parking area, given its enclosure. Also, the cleanliness of the off-leash area for dogs is an issue. Although most owners clean up after their animals, anyone who uses public parks knows that this is not always the case.
- I would like to know about parking availability for horse trailers during non-event periods given that the area will be a dog off-leash area. In addition, I do not see any provision in the City's plan to offset the vandalism that plagues Joe Brown Park. Finally, to address the comment made in the letter included in this info pack regarding the decline of horse stables on private property, this phenomenon is the result of the City of Surrey's destructive and unsustainable development practices and is of grave concern to me. However, the rest of the plan appears solid and I appreciate the opportunity to give input!

Appendix 2 – Letter of Consensus from Stakeholders

April 17, 2009

Tiina Mack
Parks Planning Research and Design Section Manager
City of Surrey,
Surrey, B.C.

Dear Ms. Mack;

On Tuesday March 17, 2009 senior representatives from West Panorama Ridge Rate Payers Association (WPRRA) and Unicorn Stables were invited to meet with the executive of The Panorama Ridge Riding Club (PRRC) to discuss the City's proposed plans for further development of Joe Brown Park.

Present at this meeting were:

Kathrine Von Trebra, Chairperson of PRRC
Susan Flesher, Treasurer PRRC
Donna Stafford, Secretary PRRC
Bim Bouchard, Director PRRC
Karyn Hahn, Director PRRC
Tanya Sahota, Member at Large PRRC
Garry Flesher, Member at Large PRRC
Christine Hoffman, Member at Large PRRC
Sarah Bradley, Owner/Operator of Unicorn Stables
Arnie van Hattem, President of WPRRA
Bob Campbell, Past President & Chairperson of Development Committee WPRRA

At the meeting the following consensuses were reached:

1. No commercial operators to be permitted in Joe Brown Park.
2. PRRC will continue to be the designated operator of Equestrian Facilities.
3. Joe Brown Park will remain a Community Multi-use park with Equestrian trails and facilities.
4. Existing equestrian facilities will remain and the cross country course will be reclaimed during the completion of the re-contouring plan for the pit area.
5. The main gate will remain closed and the current user access is agreeable.
6. Maintain and extend the multi-use trails for all walkers, equestrians and non motorized users.

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The following concerns were identified:

1. All three groups are in favour of the current venue and activities, and want to see horses continue to be a part of the rural nature of the area. What they do not want is an increase in facilities, large numbers of horse trailers and frequent multi-day events occurring throughout the year. It should be noted that the park is not large enough nor the facilities adequate to host events of this size.
2. Concerns were raised regarding the possibility of the city's promotion of Joe Brown Park as a Designated Equestrian Destination Park. There was some confusion over the definition of "Destination" and "Designation" of the park and the implications of the use of same. All agree that the neighbourhood cannot tolerate the type of trailer traffic seen at Campbell Valley Park at peak times. It cannot be accommodated in terms of access and parking.
Therefore we request that Joe Brown Park is designated as a neighbourhood park with multi-use trails that include equestrians.

All attending agreed that this was a constructive and successful meeting. It enabled the groups represented to understand each others positions and discover that they were basically all in agreement regarding use and expectations for Joe Brown Park. We want this park to remain a jewel in Surrey Parks; to continue to serve the needs of the community to be a model for equestrians sharing with other users as has been the case for more than 35 years, and to continue to enhance the rural flavour of the neighbourhood.

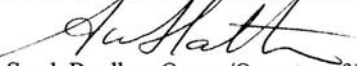
At this point we would like to request a meeting to include the above groups and Surrey Parks representatives. We are looking forward to moving ahead with the finalization and the implementation of the plan for Joe Brown Park.

Yours truly,

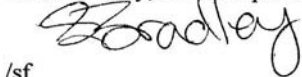
Kathrine von Trebra, Chairperson of Panorama Ridge Riding Club



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Appendix 3

Conceptual Plan for Joe Brown Park

