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City to Develop New Park at Former Civic Arena Site

At its Regular Meeting of August 19, 2019, Council approved a planning process for the development of a new park at the former Civic Arena site.

This fall the City will begin with community engagement, directed stakeholder interviews and consideration of the various needs for the site.

The existing site is identified as a Community Park in the Parks Master Plan. It is approximately three acres and currently accommodates the Visitor Information Centre, parking facilities, and the sani-dump. A new extension of 30th Street to connect 37th and 39th Avenues, including extension of the multi-use path, is planned for the east side of the site. This will occupy approximately one-third of the land space resulting in a developable area of approximately two acres.

“The opportunity to develop a new park in the downtown core of our community is very exciting” says Mayor Victor Cumming. “It’s rare that we get to add greenspace into a fully developed part of the City.”

The planning work is expected to kick off in September and wrap up in spring of 2020. Construction is anticipated in late 2020 or early 2021, following the completion of the road extension.