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ORANGEVILLE HIGHLANDS FACILITY FIT PLAN - PLANNING JUSTIFICATION

Project: Orangeville Highlands: OPZ 5/10 and S 1/10

Location: Hansen Boulevard

Orangeville, Ontario

We have reviewed the Town of Orangeville's 3rd submission comments dated October 28, 2019 for the referenced project above. To aid us with the drafting of the proposed Facility Fit Plan, we have also reviewed the Town's Parks Master Plan (July 2015). The following are in response to the comments provided by the Community Services, Parks and Facilities Division staff regarding the Facility Fit Concept Plan.

Dog Park Block 24:

We have reviewed the requested facilities for the Dog Park (Block 24). Our firm's opinion to include and exclude the following facilities at the current design stage is outlined below.

The following facilities have been shown within Block 24:

- A parking lot for each park block has been depicted on the facility fit concept plan. As
 requested, the dimensions for aisles and parking stalls have been included. The materiality of
 these lots and locations for accessible spaces and staff area may be considered during the
 detailed design stage.
- Fenced in area with double gates to allow for safe entry and exit to and from the dog park has been depicted.
- Separate areas for small and large dogs can be accommodated with the current configuration.
 This option may be implemented in the design stage.
- Shade trees have been depicted and benches may be added in the detailed design stage to provide users with a comfortable, well-rounded experience.
- A variety of topographical features, such as berms, have been depicted. Other agility features
 and amenities listed to be explored during the detailed design stages.

The following facilities have not been depicted within Block 24 for the reasons outlined below:

- Fresh drinking water or washing stations have not been depicted as there is no water servicing
 connections planned for this area of the site at this time.
- A small trail loop within Block 24 has not been depicted, however, the trails and walkways within Park Block 25 can be accessed by dog owners.

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Signage and animal waste disposal units have not been depicted, however these elements may be explored during the detailed design stage.

Neighbourhood Park Block 25:

We have reviewed the requested facilities for the Neighbourhood Park (Block 25). Our firm's opinion to include and exclude the following facilities at the current design stage is outlined below.

The following facilities have been shown within Block 25:

- Two play areas to accommodate a range of ages (Junior and Senior) have been depicted.
 - The play structures have not been specified at this time, however, they may meet safety requirements and AODA standards if desired which will be implemented during the detailed design stage.
 - Rubberized safety surface may be considered at the detailed design stage.
- A plaza area is being depicted, which could accommodate a shade structure, which will be explored during the detailed design stage.
- A parking lot for each park block has been depicted on the facility fit concept plan. As requested, the dimensions for aisles and parking stalls have been included. The materiality of these lots and locations for accessible spaces and staff area may be considered during the detailed design stage.
- Trail system has been depicted, however, fitness stations have not been integrated.
- A large open space for multi-purpose, non-structured sports to allow for a variety of activities for a range of age groups has been depicted.
- A multi-purpose hard surface court that can accommodate basketball and other hard surface sports such as pickle ball has been depicted.
- An additional area has been designated for potential community garden plots or open space.
- Trees, shrubs, and other plantings are depicted and will become more specific at the detailed design stage.

The following facilities have not been depicted within Block 25 for the reasons outlined below:

- A splash pad has not been depicted based on the following that the Parks Master Plan (PMP) has identified:
 - Recommendation #11 in the PMP has indicated that no additional splash pads should be required within the ten year implementation of this Master Plan.
 - In accordance to the Parkland Classification System outlined in Recommendation #5a of the PMP, splash pads are listed as potential facilities for Community Parks. The Orangeville Highlands park is classified as a Neighbourhood Park.
- A washroom building has not been depicted on the facility fit plan for the following reasons:
 - The PMP has indicated that none of the 7 parks classified as a Neighbourhood Park have washrooms (please refer to the table below). In accordance to the Parkland Classification System outlined in Recommendation #5a of the PMP, washrooms are listed as potential facilities for Community Parks and Major Parks. Examples of such parks include Fendley Park, Harvey Curry Park, Springbrook Park (which are Community Parks) and Rotary Park (which is a Major Park).

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- A splash pad is not being depicted at this time, therefore, a washroom building is less significant / not required.
- We have reviewed pre-fabricated washroom buildings as provided in an email from Mr. Cosgrove dated November 8th. These buildings are typically imported from the USA are not AODA compliant and cannot be modified to meet these requirements.
- Site services including sanitary, sewer, electrical and water would all be required for a washroom building. These elements would not be required for other facilities depicted in the current programming.
- Other more cost effective options could be explored for semi-permanent or temporary washroom facilities which would alleviate the concerns listed above.

Park	Classification	Size	Washroom	Splash Pad
Erindale Park	Neighbourhood	0.62 ha	N	N
Kin Family Park	Neighbourhood	1.82 ha	N	N
Mother Teresa Park	Neighbourhood	1.78 ha	N	N
Myr Morrow Park	Neighbourhood	0.87 ha	N	N
PH 9/10 Park	Neighbourhood	0.84 ha	N	N
Rebecca Hills Park	Neighbourhood	1.38 ha	N	N
Ryan Meadows Park	Neighbourhood	1.30 ha	N	N
Fendley Park	Community	2.59 ha	Υ	Υ
Harvey Curry Park	Community	2.45 ha	Υ	Y
Idyllwilde Park	Community	2.31 ha	N	N
Murray's Mountain Park	Community	2.58 ha	N	N
Springbrook Park	Community	1.67 ha	Υ	N
Rotary Park	Major	6.5 ha	Υ	N

Site furnishings such as benches, waste receptacles, and park signage may be considered at the detailed design stage to provide a well-rounded park experience for users, but have not been depicted at this time.

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