

Salmon River Site 40% Residential

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COMMITTEE: Council Committee
PURPOSE: To consider a report and recommendation on the future use of the former Salmon River School property.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS: Reference should be made to the attached report for an overview of engagement activities, policy review, analysis and recommendation.

OPTIONS
1. Council has the option of designating some, all or none of the 16-acre parcel for residential and/or recreational uses. If such a decision involves establishing park amenities, Council will need to be mindful of the capital and long-term maintenance costs.

2. If Council decides all or a part of the property should be used for residential uses, it will need to decide on how it wishes to approach this. There are two possible options in this regard; first would be to declare any land as surplus and dispose of it in accordance with the MGA and its own policy on the Disposal of Municipal Parkland, or; second, direct staff to prepare a Request for Proposals for Council's consideration later.

3. Council could retain ownership of the property and maintain the status quo which involves minimal maintenance and upkeep presently.

RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

The implications on staff capacity and finances will depend on Council's direction for the future use and extent of improvements to the property. Cost considerations have been identified in the attached report.

INPUT FROM OTHER SOURCES

The engagement process and analysis was a collaborative effort between Community Development staff, Recreation

staff and the Research, Policy and Community Engagement Officer.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Council reserve 40 to 50% of the Salmon River School property for trails and passive recreation purposes and issue a Request for Proposals on the remaining portion for residential development that should include an affordable / attainable housing component.

Capital Cost as park - \$270,000 - main 7-8000.
Scaled back approx 170,000, main 7,000



The top off this silo in Masstown was blown off by Fiona. (Harrington Photo)

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Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Auction Successful

The annual Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Harvest Sale had to be postponed a week due to Hurricane Fiona but it went ahead on Oct. 1st. This year the format was one day only with drop off donations instead of canvassing. The total raised was over \$16,000. This money goes towards regular equipment and hall maintenance, purchasing new tools and equipment as well it helps keep the fire tax rate down. Thanks to all our supporters.



The annual OBFB Fall Harvest auction was reduced to one day, which was appreciated by volunteer members, who showed up enmass to assist with the one day event which raised over \$16,000. Clair Peers is shown with an antique wicker baby stroller which was donated for the auction. (Harrington Photo)



OBFB Fire Chief Greg Muise was lead volunteer auctioneer who was instrumental getting over \$16,000 in bids in the one day auction held of October 1st. (Harrington Photo)

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