



June 25, 2025

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

**Fr: Stace Gander, Interim Co-CAO, Director of Economic Development
& Tourism**

Re: Budget Amendment – Central Park & Community Club

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves a total budget amendment of \$212,000 of which \$166,000 is to be allocated to the Central Community Club green space project and \$46,000 be allocated to support completion of the construction of the new outdoor rink and clubhouse to be taken from various parks reserves; and further

That in accordance with Notice By-law Number 160-2022, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to amend its 2025 capital budget at its July 15, 2025 meeting for this purpose; and further

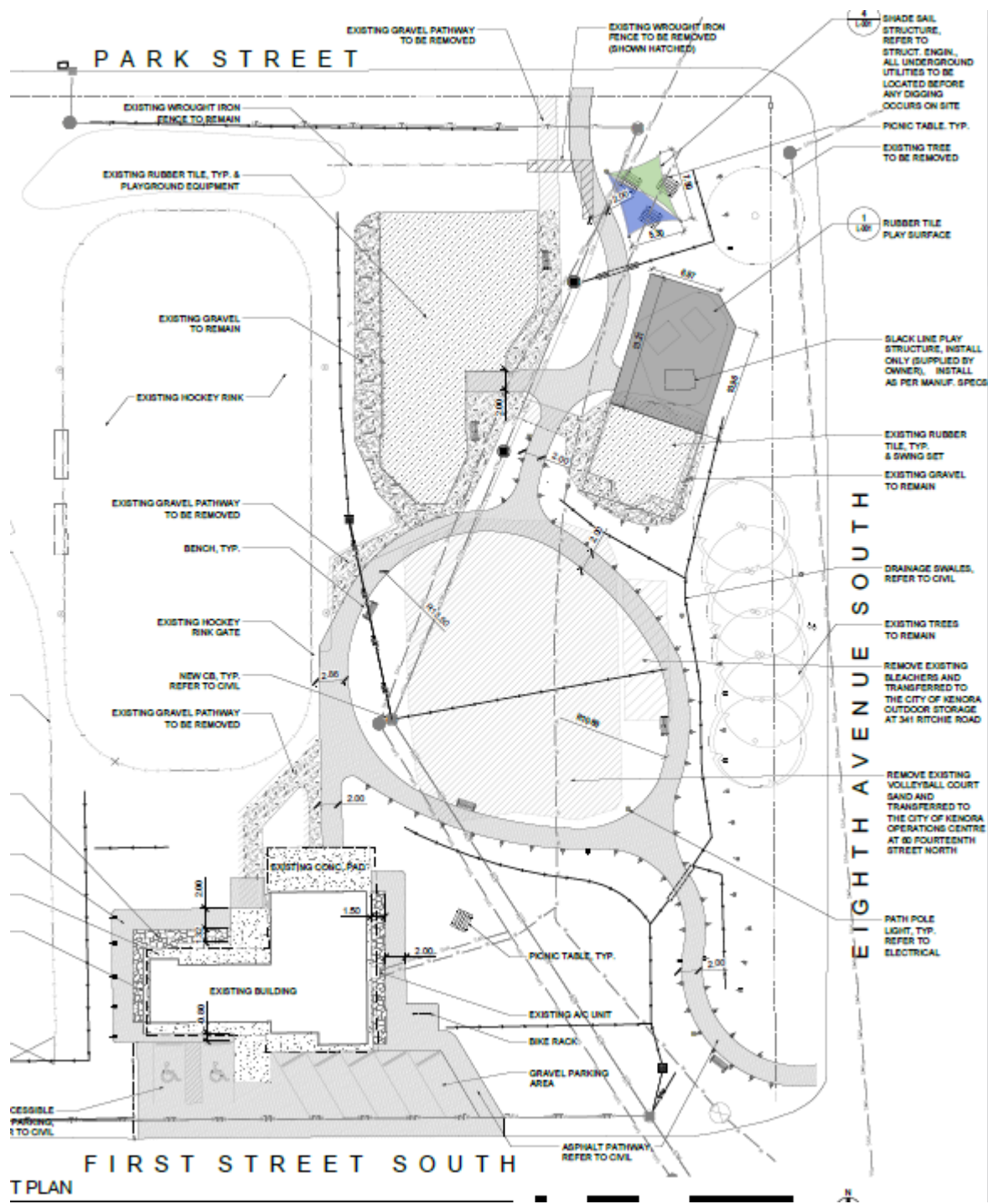
That Council gives three readings to a By-law to amend the 2025 capital budget for this purpose.

Background:

Greenspace Project

In March 2023, Administration submitted an application to the NOHFC related to developing the green space of the new Central Park area. As part of the application, the City was to support the project up to \$166,000. The City was successful in receiving a grant from NOHFC in the amount of \$490,000 for the work in this park.

A rendition of the proposed works is as follows:



The scope of work is to include the following:

- Grading
- Paving of parking area
- Drainage
- Installation of shade structure
- Lighting enhancements
- Supply and install trees and sod
- Installation of benches

Ice Surface and Clubhouse Project

In March 2021, Central Community Club received \$596,662 under The Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): Community, Culture And Recreation Stream to construct a new community club building and ice surface.

During the conceptualization of this project, Council authorized a contribution of \$100,000 to the project and the Board undertook a number of fundraising activities raising approximately \$101,800. At that time, the total amount secured for the project was approximately \$798,462.

Through the Expression of Interest process, bids were submitted to complete the proposed work. Upon review, submitted costs at the time were in excess of the secured funds of \$798,462 and there was a shortfall of \$370,000.

At the February 8, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Central Community Club Board agreed to commit to raise up to an additional \$153,590 and Solid Construction agreed to a donation of \$70,000 to enable the project to proceed. All work has now been completed on this phase of the project and a final reconciliation of the project has taken place. As part of this budget amendment, the City will contribute \$46,000 for costs related to necessary contingency costs to successfully complete the project. The revised balance owed by the Board is \$66,141.61. Those funds will be payable within five (5) years.

Budget: The total cost of this budget amendment is \$212,000.

Risk Analysis: There is a low to insignificant risk associated with this report.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: Bylaw and public notice of budget amendment.

Strategic Plan or other Guiding Document: Charting Our Course – Strategic Plan

3.1 Deliver coordinated four-season cultural and recreational infrastructure, programs, and events

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Community clubs are the second highest amenity prioritized for investment and play an important role in the provision of neighbourhood recreation opportunities in the City.

- Prioritize playground enhancement and development in areas where free, quality play spaces will have the greatest impact.