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Subject: Fwd: Proposed King Street Park Concerns
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Good Afternoon,

I would like to share my below communication that I had with Regional Councillor Jubb, Councillor Doble and Councillor Frank below with Brock Township CAO Michelle Willson and with members of council to be included in council communications. I have received a brief message back from Regional Councillor Jubb and can include it if required. Thank you.

Travis Dukelow
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Good Morning Mike, Claire and Peter,

I am reaching out to express my reservations regarding the proposed track development under consideration for King St. Park in Beaverton.

I want to make it clear that my intention in writing this letter is not to undermine the valuable contributions of the local Lion's Club to our community. I participated in the surveys conducted as part of the Recreation Master Plan. According to the plan and the report from Wayne Ward #2024-PRF-001, it was revealed that the survey indicated a track is not a priority for Brock Township.

My concerns revolve around several key points:

- Preserving green space in its natural state is essential for our community, allowing for a wide range of activities and events without the constraints imposed by built structures. King Street Park stands as one of the few remaining organic green spaces in Beaverton and should be maintained as such.
- There has been no specific public consultation regarding this proposal, aside from consideration within the Recreation Master Plan. Furthermore, there is a lack of evidence regarding the current and future student population that would utilize this track.
- I have reached out to affected neighbours, who echo my concerns and are troubled by the absence of an initial public consultation. I have cc'd them in this email to add concerns and be kept in the loop.
- The proposed track sits in close proximity to several private residences. Have there been any studies conducted on how the presence of a track and soccer pitch would impact the property values of nearby homeowners?
- What are the anticipated yearly maintenance costs for taxpayers?

- Despite some reports suggesting otherwise, the ball diamond sees regular use from both children practicing and families enjoying games.
- While the playground remains in use, it is evident that updates are necessary for safety. This presents an opportunity to invest in the well-being of young families moving into the area.
- The removal of healthy, mature trees would be regrettable, as they provide valuable shade during the summer months and contribute to the park's aesthetic appeal. If any trees must be removed, they should be replaced with saplings measuring 3-4 inches in diameter.
- If the council approves the track, construction must be carried out professionally, adhering to standards and specifications consistent with track and field requirements. A cost estimate from a reputable company should precede the final decision.
- One aspect of the plan that appears logical is the addition of a soccer pitch, as it would largely preserve the existing green space.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these concerns. I eagerly await your response on this matter.

Travis Dukelow

