

CROSS COUNTRY MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

Administrative Briefing

March 4, 2014



SUMMARY

- In previous parks/recreation master plans, a bike park was identified as a high priority
- Presently, there is no suitable venue for the cross country mountain biking course as required by the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games
- \$2 million has been designated for the bike park in the 2014 budget
- There are many bike enthusiasts in the region to sustain such a venue, including the Wood Buffalo Cycling Club



SITE SELECTION

- Seven (7) potential locations were considered for a bike park; however, a comparative site analysis narrowed it to the five (5) most suitable locations to be presented to the community for consideration:
 - North Parsons Creek
 - Silin Forest Road
 - Lower Wolverine Drive
 - Real Martin Drive
 - Abrams Land

FORT McMURRAY BIKE PARK

COMPARATIVE SITE ANALYSIS

FEBRUARY 19, 2014

	MAP NUMBER	SIZE (ha)	OWNERSHIP	POTENTIAL CYCLING COMPONENTS	EXISTING CONDITIONS	SLOPE ANALYSIS	INFRA-STRUCTURE / SERVICING	ROAD ACCESS	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT	DISTANCE TO TRANSIT	REGULARITY OF TRANSIT	CURRENT ZONING OR LAND USE	POTENTIAL LINKS TO TRAILS AND PARKS
NORTH PARSONS CREEK LANDS	1	18.6	RMWB (FUTURE MR)	ALL	MOSTLY CLEARED SOME TREES REMAINING SWMF ON SITE	MEDIUM	ALL REQUIRED	CONFEDERATION BLVD	MODERATE	FUTURE	FUTURE	URBAN EXPANSION	COULD BE CONNECTED TO EXISTING TRAILS POSSIBLE FUTURE LINKS
SILIN FOREST ROAD	2	38.0	RMWB	ALL	TREED area NATURAL VEGETATION SOME CLEARED AREAS	PREDOMINANTLY STEEP WITH SOME FLAT AREAS	SOME EXISTING PARKING OTHER SERVICING IS REQUIRED	THICKWOOD BOULEVARD ROSS HAVEN DR. ROMANY ST. THICKET DRIVE	LOW	CLOSE	FREQUENT	DIRECT CONTROL	EXISTING TRAIL LINK AND POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE LINKS
LOWER WOLVERINE	3	18.8	RMWB	MB TRAILS	TREED AREA NATURAL VEGETATION MULTI-USE TRAIL	VARIES	ALL REQUIRED	THICKWOOD BOULEVARD SIGNAL RD	LOW	CLOSE	FREQUENT	PARKS AND RECREATION	POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE LINKS
REAL MARTEN DRIVE	4	28.9	CROWN LAND	ALL	TREED NATURAL VEGETATION WITH EXISTING TRAILS SOME SWAMP/BOG	MIX OF SLOPES	ALL REQUIRED	THICKWOOD BOULEVARD REAL MARTIN DR.	MODERATE	CLOSE	FREQUENT	ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION	POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE LINKS
NORTH TAIGA NOVA ECO-INDUSTRIAL PARK	5	49.7	CROWN LAND	ALL	TREED AREA BOUNDED BY RIVER HIGHWAY AND INDUSTRIAL AREA WITHIN	TREED AREA BOUNDED BY RIVER HIGHWAY AND INDUSTRIAL AREA WITHIN	ALL REQUIRED	HIGHWAY 63 AND THROUGH INDUSTRIAL	LOW	MODERATE	POOR	URBAN EXPANSION	NO EXISTING LINKS
TAIGA NOVA SOUTH	6	7.3	RMWB	BMX	TREED AREA	FLAT	ALL REQUIRED	HIGHWAY 63 AND THROUGH INDUSTRIAL	MODERATE	NONE	POOR	PUBLIC SERVICE	NO EXISTING LINKS
ABRAMS LANDS	7	12.9	RMWB	BMX	CLEARED FOR DEVELOPMENT	FLAT	ALL REQUIRED	THICKWOOD BOULEVARD	LOW	CLOSE	FREQUENT	DIRECT CONTROL	POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE LINKS

ACCEPTABLE

SOME CONFLICT BUT REASONABLY ACCEPTABLE

NOT ACCEPTABLE

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

November 7, 2013

Over 100 people were consulted regarding a preferred location for the development of a bike park.

- Four (4) optional sites were presented to the community:
 - North Parsons Creek
 - Lower Wolverine Drive
 - Silin Forest Road
 - Real Martin Drive
- 78% of those who responded chose Silin Forest Road area as the preferred location.

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All four optional sites, with the addition of the Abrams Land site, were presented to the community for a total of five (5) potential sites for the bike park.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- In order to have the cross country mountain bike park ready for the 2015 Western Summer Games, construction must begin in Spring 2014.
- The Alberta Bicycle Association has requested that the cross country mountain bike park be in place by Summer 2014 to allow sufficient bedding prior to the Western Summer Games in 2015.