

What project is being proposed?

The Saskatoon Cosmopolitan Couples Club made a presentation to City Council on April 12, 2010 requesting a centrally located site to build a Children's Safety Village. City Council passed a motion that the matter be referred to Administration for review and a report. Since then, the Leisure Services Branch has been working with the Saskatoon Cosmopolitan Couples Club to identify potential parks that a safety village could be situated.

What is a Children's Safety Village?

The Children's Safety Village is an educational centre specifically designed for students from Kindergarten to Grade 5 to learn about road and bike safety. The Village features a main building with classrooms, a miniature "village" with scaled-down structures including small buildings, roadways, traffic lights and signs, and an operational railway crossing. The safety village, which will always be supervised when in use, will provide hands-on training among the child-sized scale structures.

Why is Pierre Radisson Park being considered as a potential location of the Children's Safety Village?

The Saskatoon Cosmopolitan Couples Club is looking for a location with easy access for bussing children from schools throughout the city. This location is accessible from Circle Drive, which provides school children and other user's easy access from all points within Saskatoon.

How will the Children's Safety Village impact the other users of Pierre Radisson Park?

The proposed safety village will require approximately 2.5 acres of park space. The proposed space is a dry land area with no irrigation. A preliminary review of this location suggests there is no impact on organized sport programming (soccer, softball, etc) and informal park users will be able to use other green space within Pierre Radisson Park and the entire Hudson Bay Area park system.

Who will pay for the construction and the operation of the Children's Safety Village?

The Saskatoon Cosmopolitan Couples Club has established a non-profit organization that will be responsible for both building and operating the Children's Safety Village. In addition to the estimated \$5.1 million for construction, an operating budget of \$100,000/year will be generated via grants, donations, and fundraising activities.

If the project proceeds, the City would enter into a license agreement with the sponsor of the project for the use of park space. The license agreement would define the area to be used, the use that could be made of the site would be described, it would ensure that public access is not affected, and it would make the sponsor responsible for display, maintenance and ultimate removal. As well, the City would ensure that any signage that is used is appropriate for the area.

When will the Children's Safety Village be constructed?

If the proposed Children's Safety Village is approved in principle, the City Administration will submit a capital budget project in September to undertake a park program review in 2012. A program plan review will ensure the safety village design is compatible with the future plans for Pierre Radisson Park. The Saskatoon Cosmopolitan Club will also need to submit a detailed business plan to the City. If City Council approves the business plan, the Saskatoon Cosmopolitan Couples Club estimates it will take approximately 2 years to secure all funds for the construction and operation of the village.

What are the next steps?

- Administration and the Cosmopolitan Couples Club will hold a public consultation meeting on May 10, 2011.
- An information report highlighting the public opinion of the community will be presented to City Council in June 2011.
- Further public consultation will occur throughout the project and updates will be provided at the City's web page.

Saskatoon Cosmopolitan Couples Club
Potential Children's Safety Village in Pierre Radisson Park
Tuesday, May 10, 2011

7:00-9:00 pm

(formal presentation to start at 7:30 pm followed by a facilitated question and answer)

Ecole Henry Kelsey School Gymnasium
16 Valens Drive

The public is invited to attend a formal presentation by the Saskatoon Cosmopolitan Couples Club on a proposed Children's Safety Village to be located in Pierre Radisson Park. The presentation will provide information on: what a Children's Safety Village is, the purpose of the village, what it looks like, and who the main users will be. Following the formal presentation there will be a facilitated question and answer session.

A preliminary concept sketch of the proposed Children's Safety Village will be on display and the Saskatoon Cosmopolitan Club members and City of Saskatoon staff will be on hand to answer questions after the presentation.

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