
RECREATION, PARKS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

TO: Recreation Governance Committee
DATE: December 1, 2020 **DIVISION:** All
FILE: N/A **APPLICATION:** N/A
SUBJECT: Sharp Hill Preservation Society Grant Reallocation Request

POLICY DIRECTION:

Community Recreation Funding Policy C-317 states that, for approved applications, *grant extensions or minor changes in the project's scope may be granted at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer*. Given that the Sharp Hill Preservation Society (SHPS) has defined a significant change in scope of work for the project funding that was provided to the group in Spring 2019, the Recreation Governance Committee (RGC) is being asked to consider their request.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In the spring of 2019, Council granted SHPS \$5,000 of capital funds to pay for parking lot design on the east MR in Sharp Hill. On September 30, 2020, SHPS requested that they be permitted to reallocate these funds to further landscaping of the east MR lands that they currently maintain.

As the RGC is the final approving authority for all recreation matters under the approved Terms of Reference, this request is before RGC for consideration.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND:

On June 26, 2012, Council approved the SHPS to improve the subject Municipal Reserve. These plans are provided in Attachment 'A'.

On May 28, 2020, Council approved \$18,600 in operational funding for SHPS, \$5,000 of which was provided as a non-matching capital component, under the April 24, 2017, revision of Policy C-317. The \$5,000 capital allocation was assigned for an engineering firm to prepare parking lot plans for the east MR. The SHPS Board has since decided to address the development of a parking lot at a later date, as current construction costs would be prohibitive.

In a letter dated September 30, 2020 (Attachment 'B') SHPS requested that the RGC grant permission to reallocate the \$5,000 to pay for screened loam and mulch for new tree beds, as well as the trees, fertilizer, water, and other supplies that would be required to improve the east MR parcel. The proposed improvements align with the plans approved by Council in 2012. Associated costs and locations of these improvements (circled in red on the map) are provided in Attachment 'C'.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There are no budget implications, as the \$5,000 grant has already been allocated to SHPS.

Administration Resources

Susan de Caen, Recreation, Parks & Community Support

**OPTIONS:**

- Option #1 THAT the Sharp Hill Preservation Society's request to reallocate \$5,000 of 2019 funding to enhance landscaping of the east MR lands maintained by the Society be granted.
- Option # 2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

"Theresa Cochran"

"Al Hoggan"

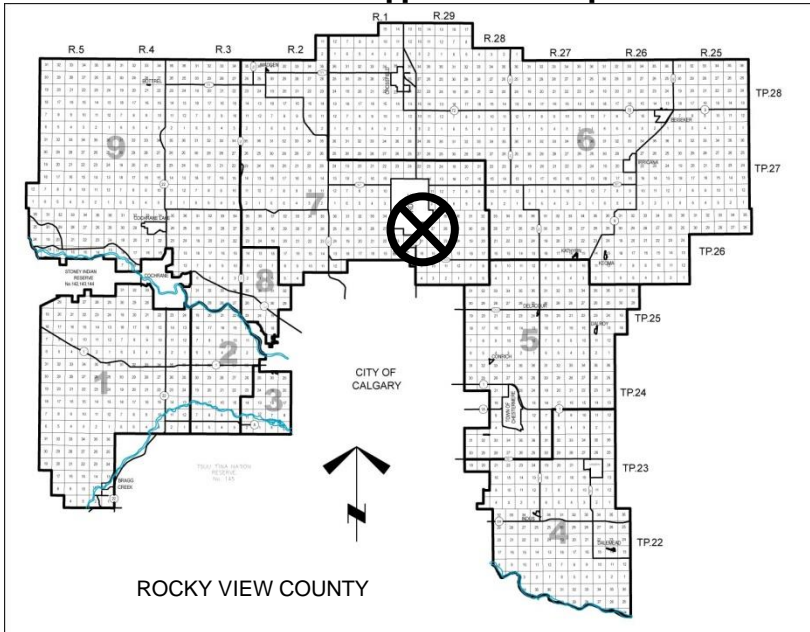
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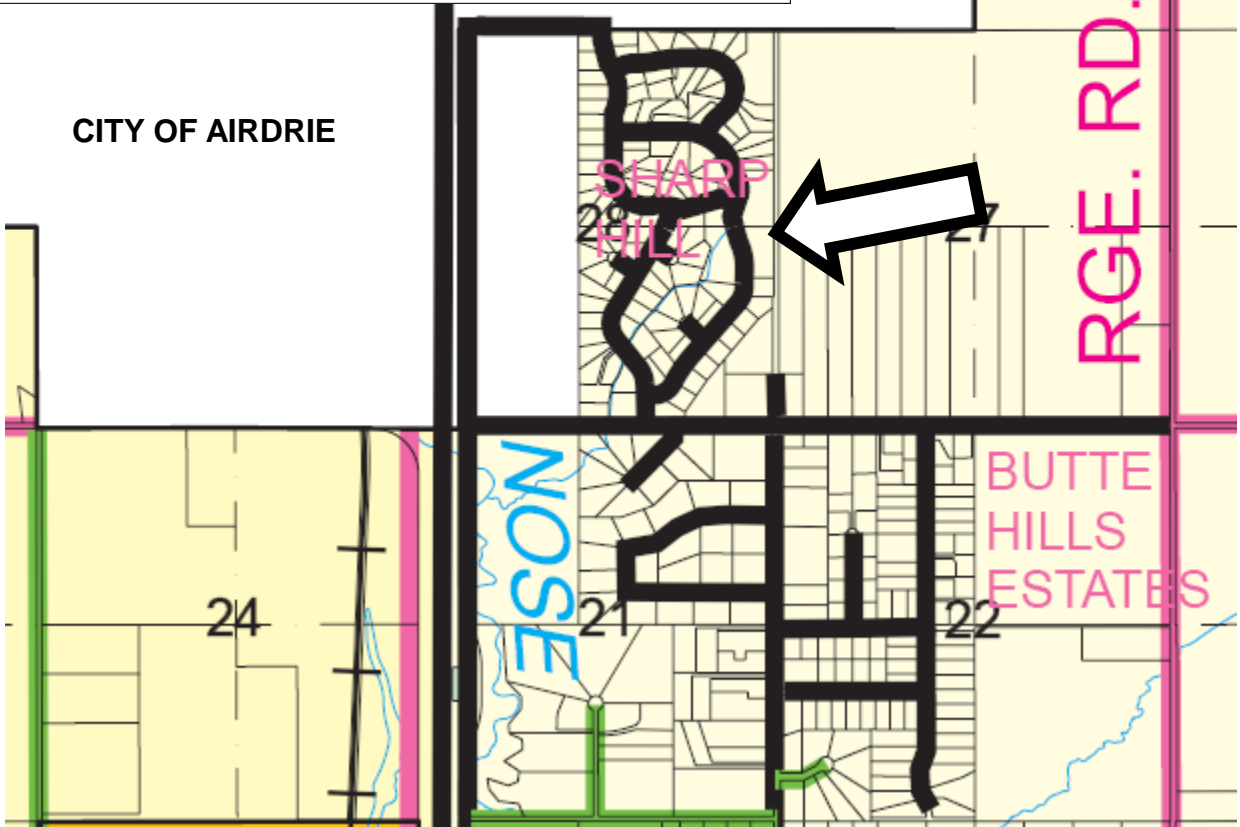
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ATTACHMENTS:

- ATTACHMENT 'A': Approved development plans for MR lands maintained by Sharp Hill Preservation Society
- ATTACHMENT 'B': Letter from Sharp Hill Preservation Society requesting reallocation of funds
- ATTACHMENT 'C': Details of improvements and associated costs for development of East MR lands maintained by Sharp Hill Preservation Society



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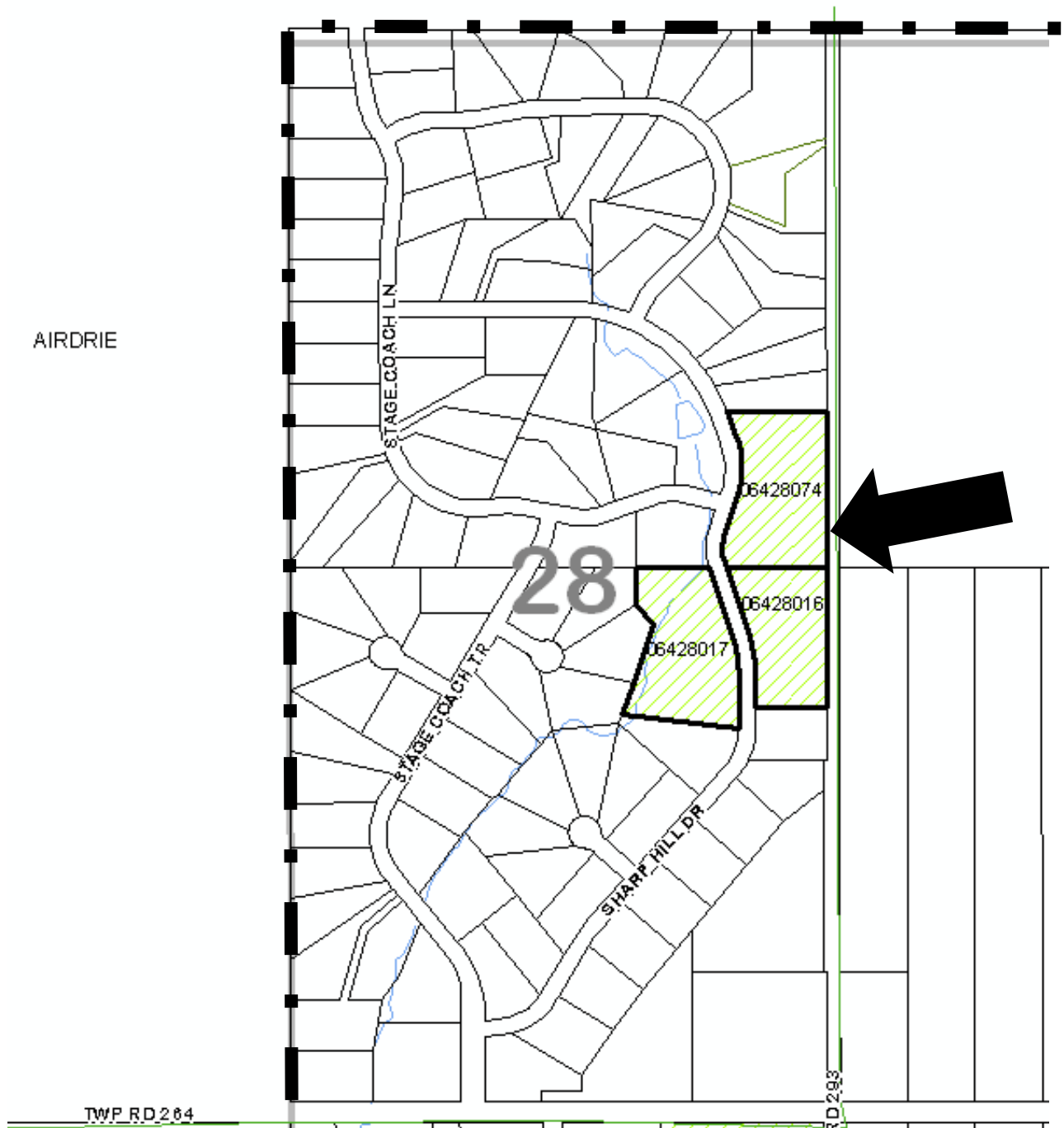
LOCATION PLAN

NE-28-26-29-W4M and SE-28-26-29-W4M

Date: June 26, 2012 Division # 7

File: N/A

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KEY PLAN

NE-28-26-29-W4M and SE-28-26-29-W4M

**AERIAL**

NE-28-26-29-W4M and SE-28-26-29-W4M

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Sharp Hill Preservation Society -Municipal Reserve Project Outline**Prepared Jan 22, 2012 – Modified May 17, 2012****Phase 1 : Trees, Shrubs, Parking lot, Fencing and Paved Pathways (Quote from ULS - \$484,000)**

- Permitting
- Surveying Service
- Trees and Shrub (350)
 - Tree and Shrub list
 - Planting equipment (Trucking, Bob Cat(s); Hole Auger(s) and small tools & equipment)
 - Fertilizer, Water, Loan, and Mulching
 - Watering Solution and services
 - Labour
- Parking Lot (1)
 - Excavation, backfilling, levelling and packing
 - Trucking, Bob cat, small tools and equipment
 - Road based gravel
 - Labour
 - Paving
 - Asphalt
 - Paving equipment
 - Paint and equipment
 - Labour
 - Fencing
 - Fencing materials (Wooden 4x4, Cables and accessories)
 - Trucking, Bob Cat(s); Hole Auger(s) and small tools and equipment
 - Gravel
 - Labour
- Paved Pathways (46,000 sq ft)
 - Excavation, backfilling, levelling and packing
 - Trucking, Bob cat, small tools and equipment
 - Road based gravel
 - Labour
 - Paving
 - Asphalt
 - Paving equipment
 - Labour
- General Landscaping
 - Materials- Loam, Mulch, Grass seed, Fertilizer
 - Trucking, Bob Cat(s) and small tools and equipment)
 - Labour

Phase 1 will be broken down into the following smaller segments until completed:

- Part 1 – West Parcel only:
 - Plant trees as per conceptual designs (or County guidelines)
 - Create mowed grass pathways
- Part 2 – East Parcels only:
 - Plant trees as per conceptual designs (or County guidelines)
 - Create mowed grass pathways
 - Create gravel parking lot
- Part 3 – All Parcels
 - Construct post and cable fence along Sharp Hill Drive & around parking lot
- Part 4 – All Parcels
 - Construct gravel pathways as per design or mowed pathways and worn pathways
- Part 5 – All Parcels
 - Paving of main pathways
 - Plant shrubs

These segments of Phase 1 can be implemented as funding is available, and as demand dictates. They can also be completed in non-sequential order if suppliers/materials become available.

Phase 2 : Gravel Pathways, Bridges, Benches, Picnic Area, and Historic site and Signage (Rough Estimate \$200,000)

- Gravel Pathways
 - Excavation , backfilling, levelling and packing
 - Trucking, Bob cat, small tools and equipment
 - Road based gravel and topping
 - Labour
- Bridges (2)
 - Materials for bridge structure and deck
 - Pressure treated lumber, Metal or other
 - Accessories
 - Installation and assembly
 - Excavations and trucking
 - Support structure- Concrete
 - Labour
- Benches
 - Design , Supply and Install
 - Community sponsored
- Picnic Area

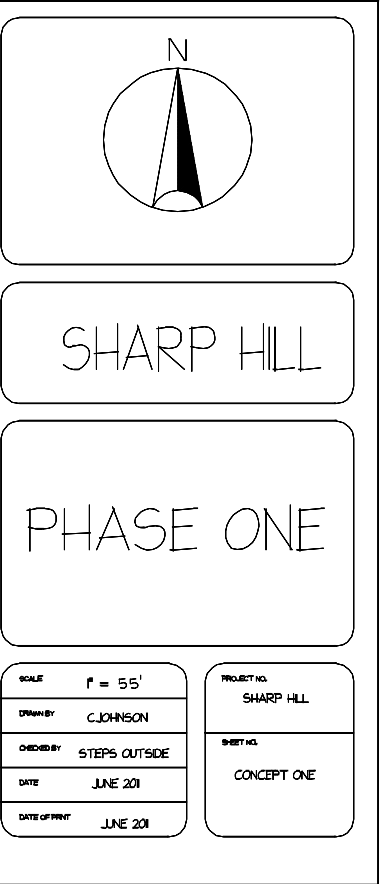
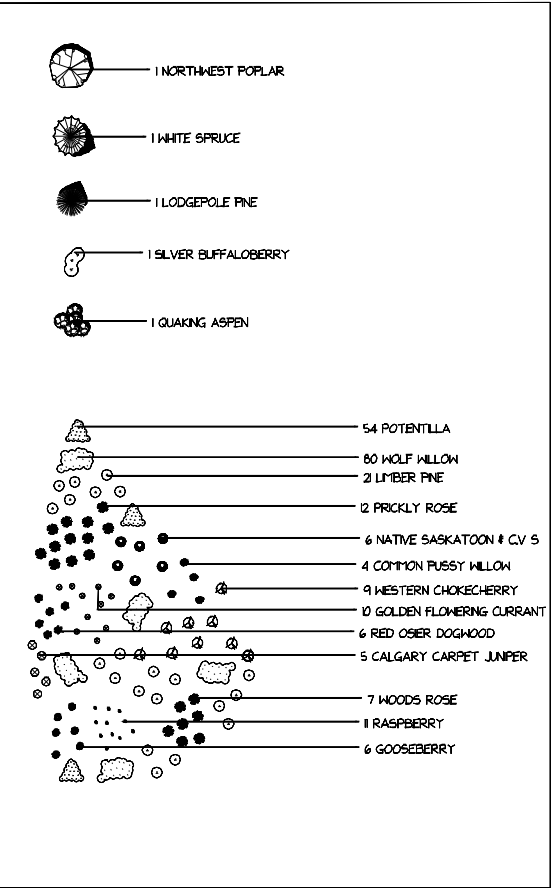
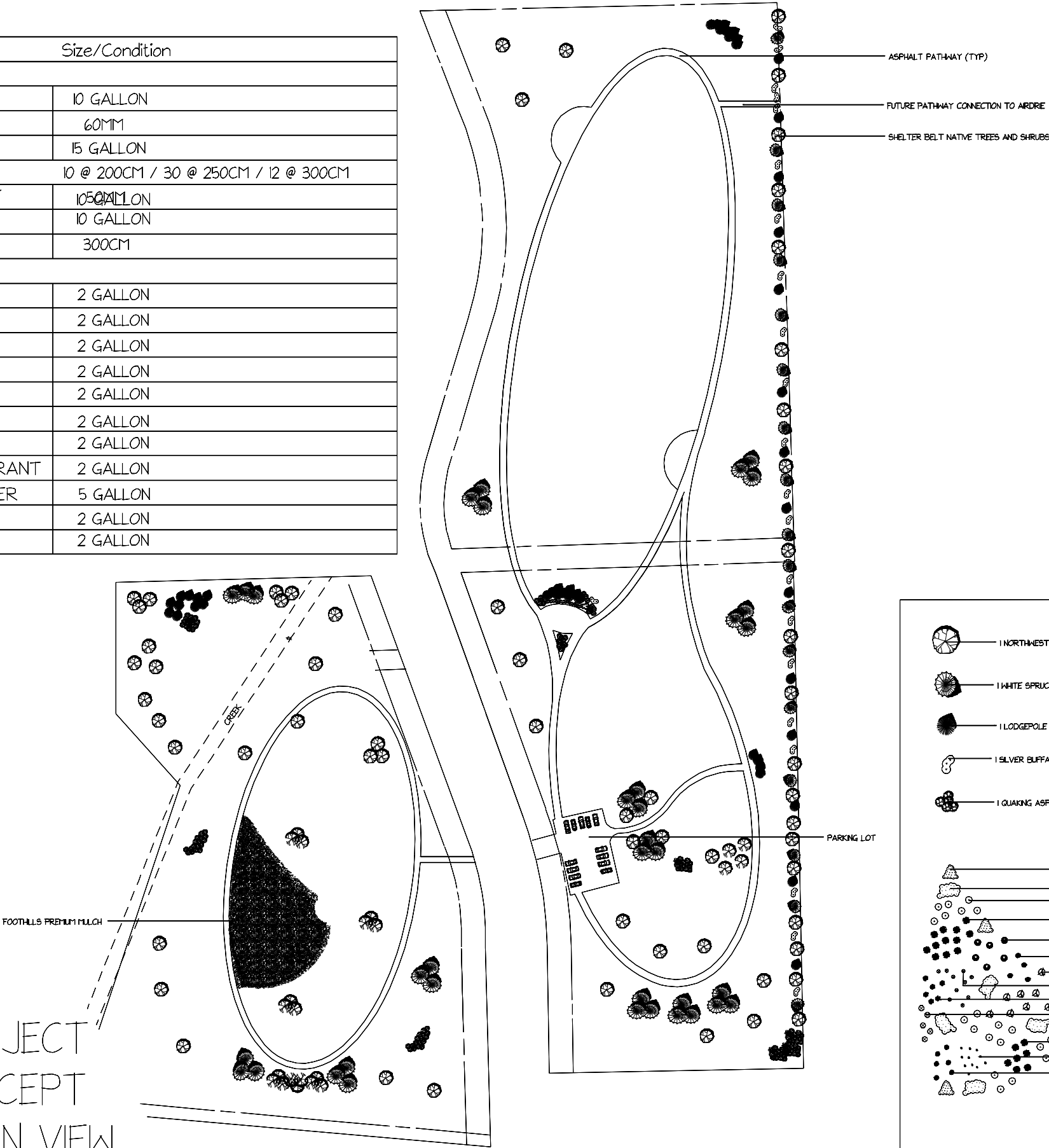
- Tables (4)
- Trash bins and recycle
- Supply and Install
- Historic Site
 - Excavation , backfilling, levelling and packing
 - Trucking, Bob cat, small tools and equipment
 - Topsoil, mulching
 - Labour
 - Trees, Shrubs, Grasses, and Perennial Flowers (52)
 - Tree and Shrub list
 - Planting equipment (Trucking, Bob Cat(s); Hole Auger(s) and small tools and equipment)
 - Fertilizer, Water , Loan, and Mulching
 - Watering Solution and services
 - Labour
- Signage
 - North and South Sharp Hill Front Entrance(s) signage
 - Municipal reserve signage
 - Design, supply and install

Phase 3: Cook house, BBQ Shelter, Fitness Equipment, Toboggan Hill, and Sport Court (Rough estimate \$400,000)

- Cook House
 - Excavation , backfilling, levelling and packing
 - Trucking, Bob cat, small tools and equipment
 - Gravel and concrete
 - Labour
 - Shelter construction
 - Materials for structure
 - Installation and assembly
 - Shelter equipment
 - BBQ equipment and accessories
 - Shelter tables
 - Trash and recycle
 - Supply and install
 - Stretch Equipment along paved pathways (Sit up boards, Strength and Stretch bars, Chin up bars)
 - Design, supply and install
 - Labour
- Toboggan Hill

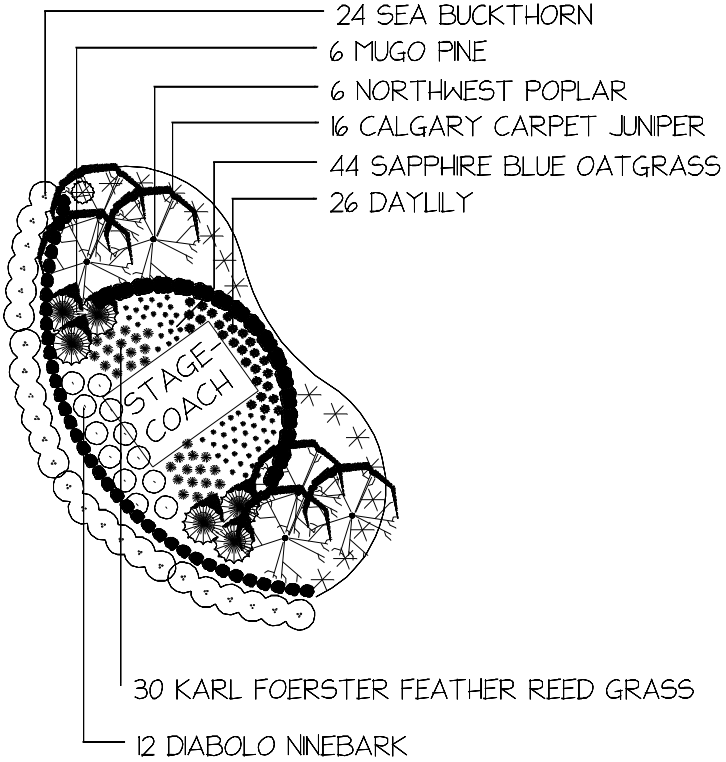
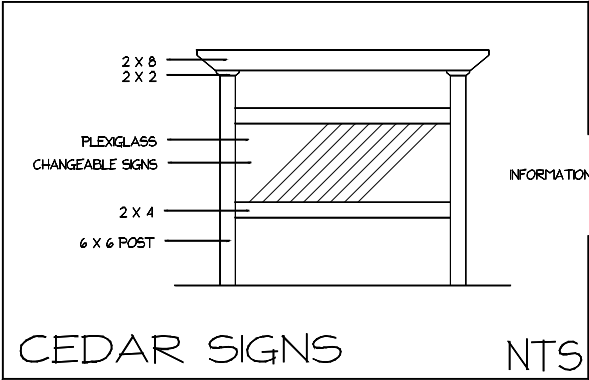
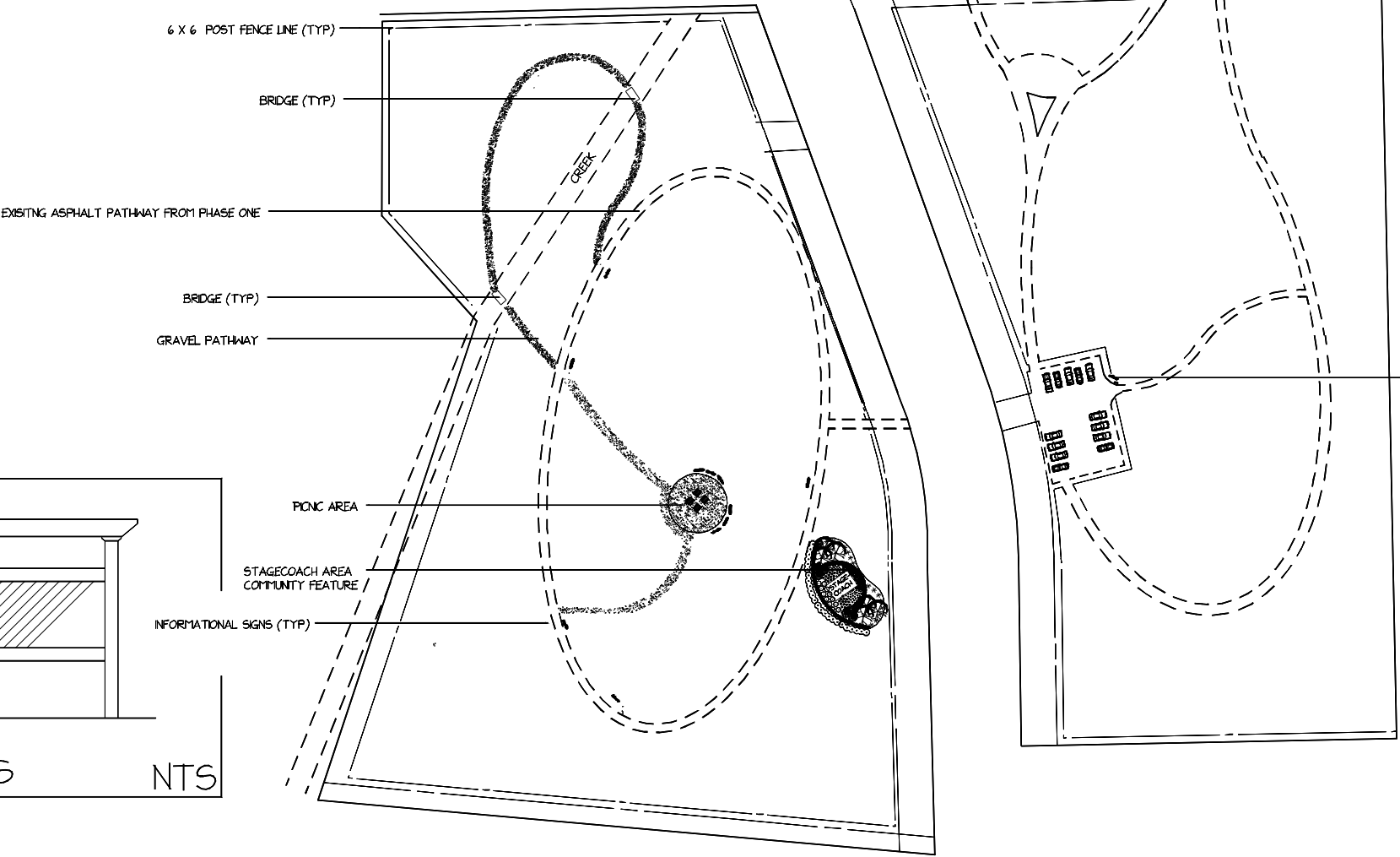
- Heavy equipment to construct
 - Trucking, Bull dozer, Grader, Bob cat, small tools and equipment
 - Fill material
 - Grass seed
 - Labour
- Sports Court/ Rink or other multipurpose recreation facility
 - Design and construct
 - Excavation , backfilling, levelling and packing
 - Trucking, Bob cat, small tools and equipment
 - Surface preparation
 - Labour

Qty	Common Name	Size/Condition
21	LIMBER PINE	10 GALLON
84	NORTHWEST POPLAR	60MM
134	QUAKING ASPEN	15 GALLON
52	WHITE SPRUCE	10 @ 200CM / 30 @ 250CM / 12 @ 300CM
9	WESTERN CHOKECHERRY	105 GALLON
4	COMMON PUSSY WILLOW	10 GALLON
46	LODGEPOLE PINE	300CM
6	GOOSEBERRY	2 GALLON
6	NATIVE SASKATOON	2 GALLON
54	POTENTILLA	2 GALLON
12	PRICKLY ROSE	2 GALLON
11	RASPBERRY	2 GALLON
6	RED OSIER DOGWOOD	2 GALLON
63	SILVER BUFFALOBERRY	2 GALLON
10	GOLDEN FLOWERING CURRANT	2 GALLON
5	CALGARY CARPET JUNIPER	5 GALLON
80	WOLF WILLOW	2 GALLON
7	WOODS ROSE	2 GALLON



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PHASE ONE CONCEPT
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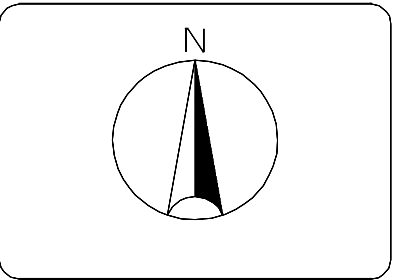
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PHASE TWO CONCEPT
LANDSCAPE PLAN VIEW



FEATURE PLANTING PLAN NTS

Qty	Common Name	Size/Condition
Trees		
24	SEA BUCKTHORN	2 GALLON
Shrubs		
16	CALGARY CARPET JUNIPER	5 GALLON
12	DIABOLO NINEBARK	2 GALLON
6	MUGO PINE	5 GALLON
6	NORTHWEST POPLAR	15 GALLON
Perennials and Annuals		
26	DAYLILY	1 GALLON
30	KARL FOERSTER FEATHER REED GRASS	1 GALLON
44	SAPPHIRE BLUE OATGRASS	1 GALLON

SIGN
GARBAGE CAN
BENCH
DOG BAGS

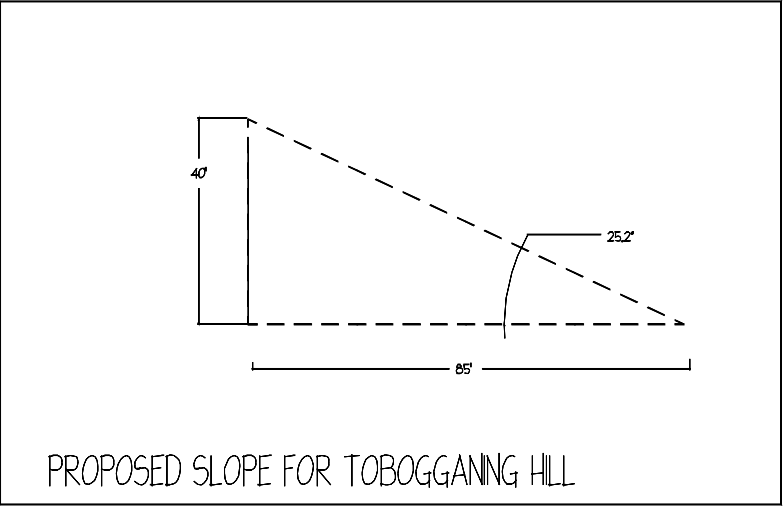
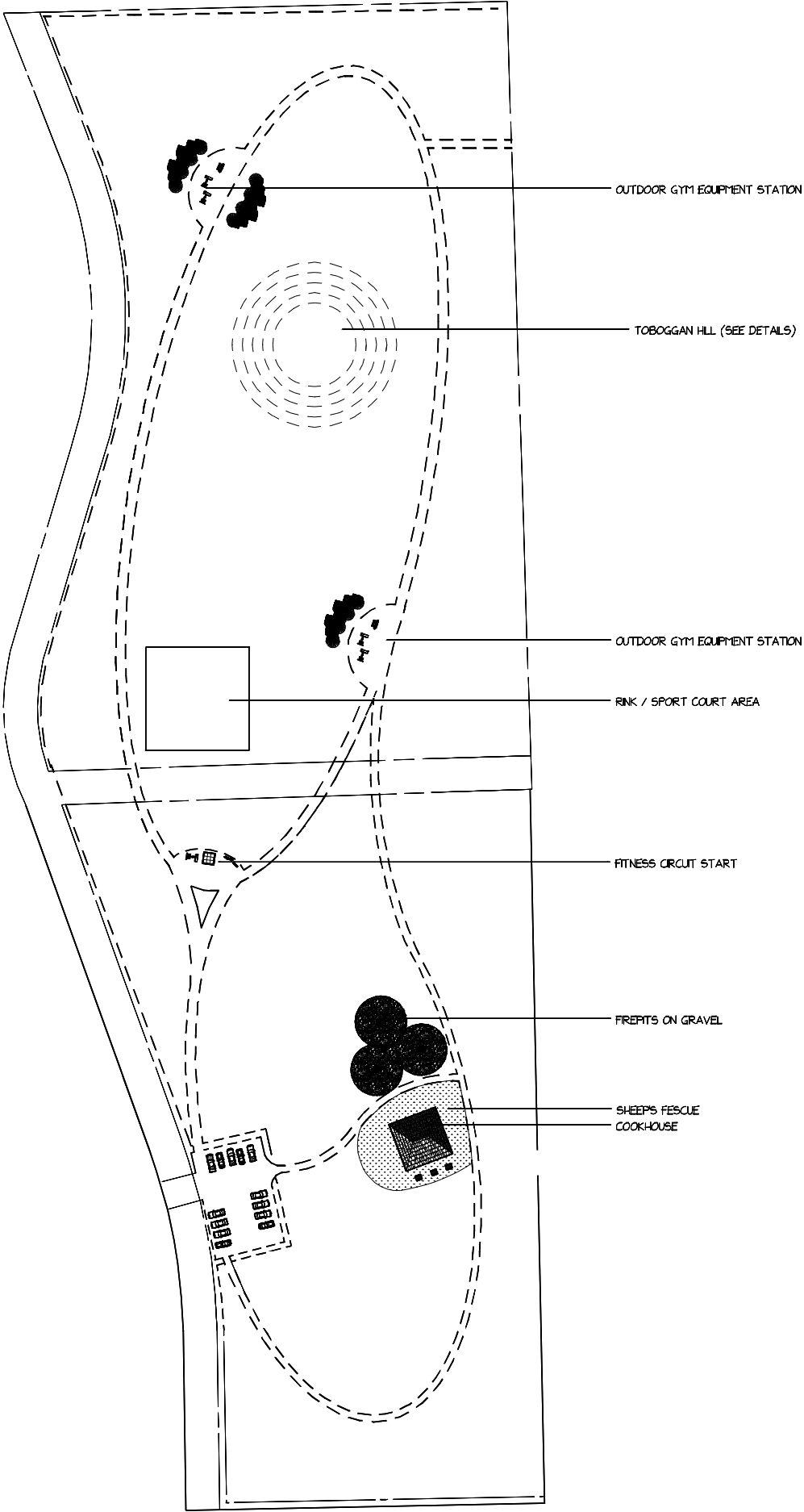


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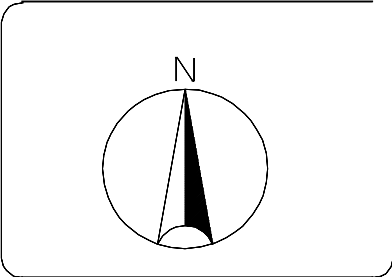
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September 30, 2020

To whom it may concern,

The Sharp Hill Preservation Society requests to re-allocate \$5,000, initially requested to pay for parking lot design on the East MR in Sharp Hill, to now be used for further landscaping on the MR land in Sharp Hill.

For the past couple of years the Sharp Hill Preservation Society has been looking at options to offer more recreation opportunities on the MR land. One option that was being explored, was to create a disc (Frisbee) golf course. With the addition of the course, we knew that additional parking would be required, and therefore intended to begin designing the required parking lot.

After a meeting with a number of County representatives at the MR land this summer, the Board members of the Sharp Hill Preservation Society has decided to postpone developing the disc golf course. The parking lot area was always in the conceptual design for the park space, and will be addressed at a later date. Construction costs for the parking lot would be prohibitive at this time, and so the Board has decided to put our focus back on adding tree beds and other landscaping as we've done in the past.

The addition of the tree beds, benches, picnic tables and interpretive signs on the West MR has created a beautiful park space. Our goal is to continue adding trees and a mowed pathway on the East MR, where we also see regular use from people out walking, or walking their dogs.

The \$5,000 would be used to pay for screened loam and mulch for new tree beds, as well as the trees, fertilizer, water etc that would be required. We have a dedicated group of volunteers in the community that would undertake the majority of the work to create the new tree beds, so a large portion of the costs normally required for a project like this will be donated and volunteer hours.

Regards,

Dan Giercke
President
Sharp Hill Preservation Society

Sharp Hill East MR Tree Bed Estimates

Blue Grass Nursery	Bark Mulch	\$719.25/Tandem load (12 yds)
	Screened Loam	\$289.80/Tandem load (12 yds)
Burnco Balzac	Bark Mulch	\$563.00/Tandem load (12 yds)
	Screened Loam	\$254.00/Tandem load (12 yds)
Bark Mulch Depot	Bark Mulch	\$858.00/Tandem load (22 yds)
	Screened Loam	\$249.00/Tandem load (12 yds)

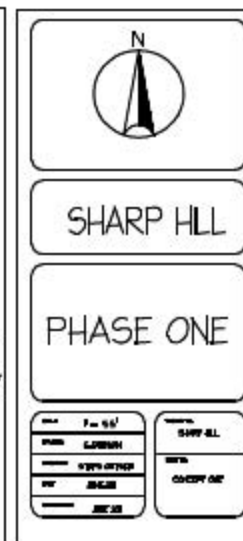
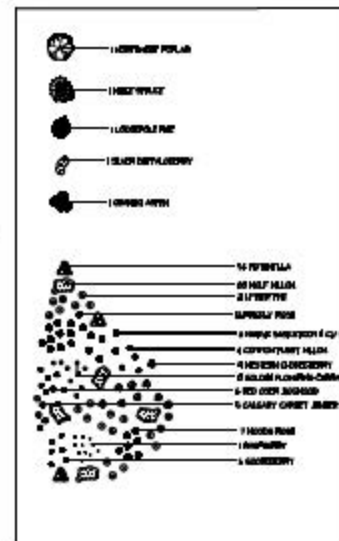
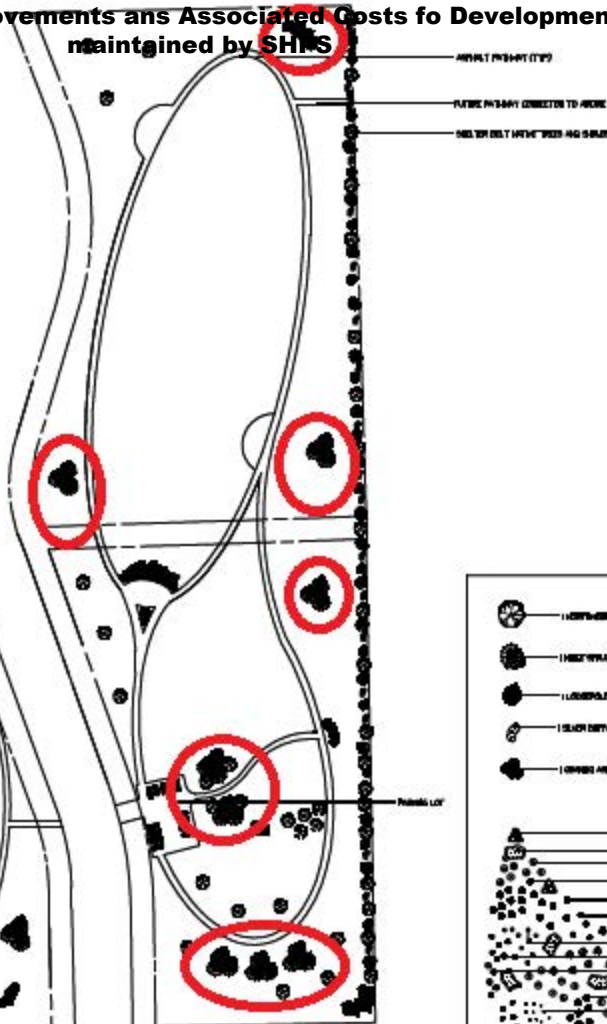
Depending on the number of loads, and the size of the loads required, delivery charges may also apply.

To create multiple tree beds on the East MR, we estimate we will need at least a few loads of both loam to plant the trees in, and mulch to keep weeds down and hold moisture for the newly planted trees.

The balance of the funds provided would be used to purchase trees (trees vary in price from \$100/ea to \$600/ea depending on the size and species) and shrubs are in the \$25-50 range. Other costs would include fertilizer, water, equipment costs for the use of tractors or a bobcat etc.

As for the West MR, the Society intends to organize a work bee day to create the tree beds. Local residents would provide volunteer labour and equipment if they have it. Trees would either be purchased from a local nursery, or can also be acquired by taking out a Forestry Reserve permit and dug by volunteers. Community members could also be encouraged to provide seedlings from their own yards to add to the tree beds.

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