

APPENDIX C SUMMARY OF SPRUCE GROVE STUDIES & STANDARDS

City of Spruce Grove, Engineering and Construction Standards Final Report April 2006

Design standards provide information regarding the standards governing subdivision design, servicing standards, design and construction approval processes and the as-built drawing submission requirements within the City of Spruce Grove. Section VIII – Landscaping provides in detail the type of trees, shrubs, etc that are permitted in Spruce Grove and how they should be placed.

City of Spruce Grove, Highway 16A Corridor Enhancement Final Report July 2001

This Plan "... provides a framework for developing a consistent and recognizable appearance throughout the corridor. The appearance applies to land use issues, development issues and general aesthetics". Section 4 and specifically subsection 4.1 and 4.2 provide rationale for the importance of landscaping and connecting the corridor with parts of Spruce Grove. Subsection 6.1 stresses the importance of implementing these ideas.

City of Spruce Grove, Master Drainage Report Final Report June, 1998

The Master Drainage Report provides various recommendations but two that stand out when examining the importance of parks and open space planning are:

- Review and refine the drainage concepts for future developments during the ASP and subdivision servicing stages of the industrial developments.
- Preserve the natural vegetation and tree cover in Dog Creek channel to reduce the risk of serious erosion occurring, and monitor the Dog Creek channel for signs of erosion and take corrective action as may be necessary.

The importance of incorporating open space into development is key to ensuring the proper draining of an area can occur without detrimental effects to adjoining land uses.

City of Spruce Grove, Strategic Plan 2005-2007 2005

In the Framework for Strategic Success one of the key themes is 'Building Community' and within that theme, two of the strategic objectives are:

- To maintain and enhance civic and community facilities, parks, open spaces and services contributing to an outstanding quality of life.
- To support neighbourhood beautification.

A second theme is 'Planning for Growth' which examines the desire:

- To ensure adequate infrastructure and service structure to meet the current and projected growth demands
- To foster attractive and varied community design.

A third and final theme as it relates to park and open space planning is 'Delivering Sustainable Services' one of the strategic objectives being:

- To actively pursue a clean environment and green community.

City of Spruce Grove, Sustainable Development Charter
Final
February 2004

The charter itself shows the commitment that the City of Spruce Grove has towards ensuring its parks and open spaces are protect and cared for. In particular three commitments stand out:

- Create a liveable community.
- Improve the quality of our environment.
- Protect and enhance natural areas and green space.

City of Spruce Grove, Transportation Study
Final Report
July, 2000

Section 8.7 Streetscaping provides an overview of what the City of Spruce Grove defines streetscaping as and what it looks like. "Streetscaping is a means of enhancing the environment to those users through physical features which can include all or a combination of elements such as traffic signs and signals, guide signs, utility poles and cabinets, hydrants, landscaping / vegetation, street furniture, fencing, lighting and many others". More importantly this section suggests that, "procedures should be developed by the City for effective integration of streetscaping strategies within, and adjacent to, road rights-of-way".

Section 8.8 General Municipal Plan Overview provides a few key objective statements that have a direct effect on the open space environment:

- Under point A (supports and enhances the City's growth strategy) – "...the Transportation System Plan will take into account the economic level of service, social and environmental aspects of alternative transportation strategies".
- Under point B (supports and enhances the development and retention of a viable Downtown) – "...full consideration should be given to maintaining the environmental, aesthetic, and recreational attributes of the Downtown".
- Under point F (provide ancillary transportation facilities such as bikeways and pedways for commuter and recreational use) – "...provide pedestrian facilities within residential areas to provide access to community facilities for recreational or other uses." "...develop and maintain a multi-use Trail System for bike and pedestrian recreational purposes".

City of Spruce Grove, Urban Forest Management Plan
Final Report
December, 2004

The Urban Forest Management Plan recommends improvements in the short-term (5 years) to both GroveCo 60 and Cooke Lands with regards to "... improving existing trail systems and planning new ones".

Columbus Park, Concept Plan
Final Report
July, 1997

This report shows the financial cost of having to move an existing park to a new site. It is likely this would not happen again as it is hard to re-establish a park in a new location when many of the residents identify with the original location.

**Grovecro Park, Master Plan
Final Report
December, 2003**

The Plan "... identifies the best use of the Grovecro site responding to existing environmental conditions, community needs and future adjacent development". Originally Grovecro was to be a major sports facility but because of adjacent land uses and that some of the aspects were integrated into other areas earlier it was redeveloped to meet the current and future needs. The flexibility of large recreational sites being reworked is key in keeping with open space planning.

**Hilldowns, Grove Drive West, and Service Club Park, Neighbourhood Parks Design Report
Final Report
February, 2005**

The outcome of this particular Report shows support for the goals and objectives set out by the City of Spruce Grove. The three neighbourhood parks are being planned to meet the needs of residents as well as the overall POSMP.

**Spruce Grove District Park, Business Plan Analysis and Design – DRAFT
Work in Progress
January, 2006**

The reasoning behind this Report is to provide the backup and research needed for Spruce Grove to undertake "...a premier complex that will attract both participants and spectators to the sports of soccer and football". It would be vital to the POSMP to ensure this District Park is linked to other passive and active recreational uses.