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To: Parks, Recreation & Forestry Board Members

RE: Proposed Disposition Plan – Lowell Park Toboggan Runs

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is requesting approval of the following proposed Disposition Plan regarding the Toboggan Runs at Lowell Park:

The two toboggan runs at Lowell Park were constructed in the early 1990's. When initially opened, they were very popular, and we had winters with consistent snowfall and temperatures to support the runs. Since that time, usage and rentals of the toboggan runs have steadily decreased.

In 2016, a structural inspection was conducted on both toboggan runs. A number of items were identified to be addressed. Subsequently, repairs were completed with emphasis to the east toboggan run, as that one was deemed in better condition. Repairs have been made to the east run every year since 2016. The west toboggan run has not been utilized in the past three years, as to lack of demand, available staffing, and limited funding. To operate the west run, considerable repairs/reconstruction would be required. With the above considerations in mind, we propose to remove the west toboggan run this year, while keeping the east toboggan run in operable condition for the immediate future.

As part of the 2020 CIP Budget, a master plan for winter activities at Lowell Park is proposed to determine best future uses of our premier park for winter activities. The plan will aid in what residents would like to see developed, and how to plan and budget for those amenities, facilities and programs. This will ensure Janboree will have a location and grow for many years to come. The plan will also give direction on what to do with the east toboggan run: reconstruct, remove, or some other alternative direction.

Thank you,

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