



Staff Report

Community Services

Report To: Council Meeting
Meeting Date: July 13, 2026
Report Number: CS.26.042
Title: Follow Up to Staff Report CS.26.024 Moreau Park Revitalization Project
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.26.042, entitled “Follow Up to Staff Report CS.26.024 Moreau Park Revitalization Project”;

AND THAT Council endorse the revised final concept design for the Moreau Park Revitalization Project, attached as Attachment 1, reflecting public and Council feedback regarding safety, tree allocation, and a basketball court;

AND THAT Council confirm removal of the proposed pathway between the two baseball diamonds from the revised final concept design;

AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with detailed design and tender preparation for Phase 1 based on the revised final concept design, while maintaining the Phase 1 priorities including washroom facilities, playground renewal, central area hardscaping including paths to this area, Moreau Diamond backstop, drainage improvements, and a pavilion;

AND THAT Council direct staff to include the basketball court as part of the Phase 2 design work, with implementation and funding to be considered through the 2027 budget process.

B. Overview

At the June 29, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting, Committee considered [Staff Report CS.26.024](#) respecting the Moreau Park Revitalization Project, endorsed a phased implementation approach, and directed staff to return directly to the July 13, 2026 Council meeting with a revised design.

This follow-up report presents a revised final concept design for Council’s consideration. The revised design maintains the previously approved Phase 1 core improvements while refining certain site elements in response to feedback received through the public engagement process and Council discussion.

The revised final concept design:

- strengthens safety considerations between active recreation areas and family-oriented park spaces;
- refines tree allocation and planting locations to reduce unnecessary removals where practical and improve shade and sightlines;
- removes the proposed pathway between the two baseball diamonds; and
- identifies a potential location for a basketball court for Council's consideration.

C. Background

Moreau Park is a well-used community park serving children, families, youth, organized sports users, dog walkers, and community events. The Moreau Park Revitalization Project was initiated following the 2022 proposal from the Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club and has since been informed by public engagement, stakeholder discussions, and concept design refinement.

Staff Report CS.26.024, presented June 29, 2026, recommended a phased implementation approach due to funding availability. Committee of the Whole endorsed that approach. Council further directed staff to return with a revised design responding specifically to:

- safety;
- revised tree planting locations and quantity;
- basketball court in phase 2 design; and
- removal of the pathway between the two baseball diamonds.

Public engagement previously identified several recurring design considerations relevant to this direction, including:

- safety separation between the playground and baseball diamonds;
- improved accessibility and circulation;
- shade and tree planting;
- drainage and wet ground conditions;
- preservation of meaningful open space; and
- interest in a basketball court, balanced against the park's space limitations and competing program needs.

The revised final concept design attached to this report has been prepared in response to that direction.

D. Analysis

Staff support endorsement of the revised final concept design.

The revised concept preserves the core Phase 1 improvements already endorsed by Committee of the Whole while refining the layout to better respond to site constraints and feedback from both the public and Council.

1. Safety has been further prioritized in the revised layout

Safety has remained one of the primary considerations throughout this project. Feedback from the engagement process and Council discussion consistently identified the need to better separate active baseball functions from family-oriented and passive park uses.

The revised concept strengthens this approach by:

- maintaining clearer separation between the playground and active ball areas;
- supporting continued replacement of the Moreau Diamond backstop;
- refining circulation so that primary pedestrian movement is focused on central park access routes rather than through ball-related conflict areas; and
- removing the proposed pathway between the two baseball diamonds.

Removal of the pathway between the two diamonds responds directly to concerns regarding:

- user conflicts during baseball activity;
- pedestrian exposure to foul balls and warm-up activity;
- unnecessary hardscape within an active recreation area; and
- preservation of flexible open space for baseball and general park use.

This change improves functional separation while still maintaining accessible connections to the core Phase 1 park features.

2. Tree allocation has been revised to better balance shade, safety, and site function

Feedback focused on the number and placement of proposed new trees in certain areas of the concept plan. In response, the revised final concept design adjusts the proposed tree planting locations and quantities while continuing to preserve existing trees where practical and compatible with construction, grading, drainage, sightlines, safety, and long-term park operations.

In response, the revised final concept has been updated to:

- retain existing trees where practical and compatible with construction, grading, safety, and sightline requirements;
- reduce unnecessary tree removals where feasible;
- focus new planting in locations that improve shade for playground, seating, and gathering areas;
- avoid locating trees where they may create operational conflicts with ball use, circulation, or visibility; and
- support a balanced approach between canopy enhancement and usable open space.

As detailed design proceeds, staff will continue to refine the planting strategy and confirm any removals required for constructability, grading, drainage, accessibility, or long-term park function.

3. Basketball court to be included in Phase 2 design and considered through the 2027 budget process

Public feedback demonstrated meaningful interest in a basketball court at Moreau Park. Council directed staff to revisit this matter as part of the revised final design review.

The revised final concept identifies a basketball court location for Council consideration. The intent is to illustrate how this amenity may be accommodated, if directed, without undermining the approval of Phase 1 priorities.

The basketball court has been considered on the basis that it:

- should not compromise the approved washroom, playground, backstop, drainage, pavilion, and central hardscape priorities;
- should not create new safety conflicts with adjacent recreation uses;
- should maintain accessible movement and appropriate sightlines;
- should be assessed for site fit, grading, and drainage implications; and
- should only proceed if it can be considered through the Second Phase – 2027 budget process.

Staff note that adding a basketball court would reduce the amount of available green/open space within Moreau Park. This is an important consideration given the limited size of the park, the number of existing and proposed uses, and previous public feedback identifying open lawn space as a valued park feature.

Staff will return through the 2027 budget process with updated costing and funding considerations for Phase 2, including the basketball court, for Council's consideration.

4. The revised final design continues to align with the Phase 1 "core first" approach

The revised concept does not alter Committee of the Whole's previously endorsed overall project direction. Rather, it refines the layout to improve functionality and responsiveness to feedback while preserving the approved Phase 1 focus on core park improvements.

Phase 1 continues to prioritize:

- universal washroom / concession building;
- playground renewal;
- central area hardscaping and accessible circulation to that area;
- Moreau Diamond backstop replacement;
- drainage and grading improvements;
- pavilion;
- seating and site furnishings; and
- safety-related design measures.

These remain the most urgent and broadly supported improvements and continue to represent the most practical and achievable implementation package within the approved funding framework.

5. Risks and implementation considerations

If Council endorses the revised final concept design, staff can continue with detailed design and tender preparation on schedule.

If Council does not endorse the revised concept design, there is a risk of:

- delay to tender preparation and construction timing;
- additional design costs or redesign work;
- uncertainty for stakeholders and user groups;
- reduced project momentum following the completed engagement process and Council approval of Phase 1 funding; and
- continued escalation of construction costs.

Staff are of the view that the revised final concept design provides a balanced response to Council's direction while preserving project readiness.

Timeline

Subject to Council endorsement of the revised final concept design, staff will proceed with:

- final detailed design refinement in Summer 2026;
- tender preparation and release in Fall 2026; and
- construction consistent with the Phase 1 schedule previously presented to Committee of the Whole.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

The revised final concept design continues to provide environmental benefit through tree planting, landscape improvements, and drainage enhancements.

Refinement of tree allocation in the revised design is intended to:

- preserve existing trees where practical;
- strengthen shade opportunities in high-use park areas;
- support long-term site comfort and landscape performance; and
- reduce unnecessary hardscape where appropriate, including through removal of the pathway between the two diamonds.

Environmental considerations, including grading, drainage response, planting, and materials, will continue to be refined through detailed design.

G. Financial Impacts

Committee of the Whole has already considered the Phase 1 project funding through Staff Report CS.26.024, including:

- \$630,000 from the Parks and Recreation Development Charges Reserve Fund; and
- \$635,000 from the Parks and Recreation Cash in Lieu reserve fund.

The final revised concept design is intended to remain aligned with the previously approved Phase 1 funding envelope.

At this stage:

- removal of the pathway between the two diamonds may reduce some hardscape scope;
- revised tree allocation may adjust landscape and site work quantities within the approved budget; and
- any cost implications associated with the basketball court are to be confirmed through detailed design and costing during the 2027 budget process.

H. In Consultation With

Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services

Corporate and Financial Services

SHIFT Landscape Architecture

Colliers Project Leaders

I. Public Engagement

A Public Meeting or Public Information Centre was not required through legislation as part of this project. Instead, staff opted to conduct community engagement through hosting a Design Open House on February 19, 2026 and administering a Public Survey.

Additional stakeholder engagement has been undertaken with current users of Moreau Park. Multiple consultations have been held with the Thornbury/Clarksburg Rotary Club, Beaver Valley Agricultural Society, Beaver Valley Athletic Association, and dog park users. Staff have attended a Lion's Club meeting.

Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Katie Love, Acting Project Manager - Moreau & Craigleith Park Development, Community Services klove@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. Revised Final Concept Design

Respectfully submitted,

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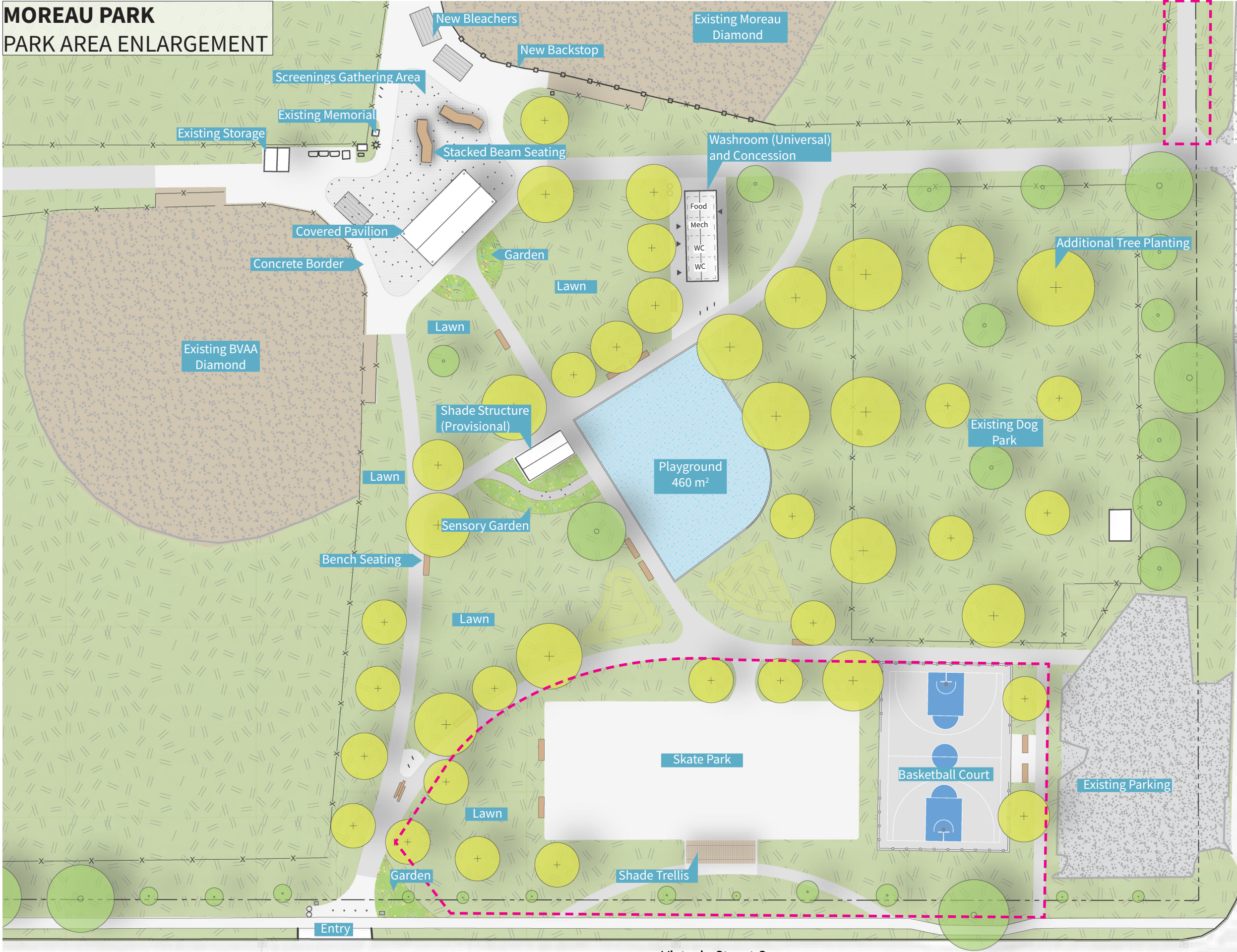
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MOREAU PARK
FINAL SITE PLAN



MOREAU PARK

PARK AREA ENLARGEMENT



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Phase Two Work Area



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