

Subject: Notice of Motion - Change Northlands to dedicated park status

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Notice of Motion - Report Councillor Crist.

That staff be directed to change the present status of "Northlands" to a dedicated park status.

Rationale:


Under the present zoning bylaw the Northlands Golf Course is zoned for general and/or non designated park status. The use of a non designated park may be changed through a simple rezoning process.

On the other hand, if such a park has been dedicated, such a status change is only possible if it is approved by the public through a public referendum process via the Lieutenant Governor in Victoria.

A designated park provides an additional layer of protection in the eyes of the public as well under the zoning Bylaw. While a dedicated park may theoretically still be rezoned to a non designated park status and may subsequently be rezoned for a purpose other than park use, it provides an additional barrier against the whims of any given Council at any given time.

To dedicate a park is an important gesture indicating the long term intention of a Community and is appropriate were such a park has special significance and/or is of special importance to the public for whatever reason.

This is the case with "Northlands"

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