



GRAND VALLEY

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: James Allen Recreation Facilities Manager
Meeting Date: September 23, 2025
Report Number: 2025-160
Subject: Update - Future of the Greta and Titch Boswell Memorial Lions Ball Diamond

Recommendation

THAT Council receives the report 'Update Future of Greta and Titch Boswell Memorial Lions Ball Diamond'

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to include an amount for revitalization of the clay at the Boswell Diamond in the 2026 Budget .

Executive Summary

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with resident feedback on the future of the Greta and Titch Boswell Memorial Lions Ball Diamond, as requested by Council, and to advise of staff's recommended next steps.

Key Findings

- Public feedback received is to keep Greta and Titch Boswell Memorial Lions Ball Diamond as a ball diamond moving forward.
- Rehabilitation of the clay infield and lighting work is required.

Financial Implications

Potential costs for rehabilitation to be included in 2026 budget.

Report

Background

At the July 22, 2025, Regular Council meeting, Council received Staff Report – [Greta and Titch Boswell Memorial Lions Park Ball Diamond](#), and requested Council provide direction on the future of the Greta and Titch Boswell Memorial Lions Ball Diamond located on River Street. Council requested staff seek public feedback on the future of the diamond.

Discussion

Staff received approximately 33 emails and letters from members of the public, which are attached as Appendix 1 to this report

Public feedback was almost unanimous, to keep Greta and Titch Boswell Memorial Lions Ball Diamond as a ball diamond moving forward. Reasons varied from preserving memories to the growing need for ball diamonds in the Town, both now and in the future.

If the diamond is to be kept, rehabilitation of the clay infield is needed and lighting work is needed. If Council chooses to keep the diamond as is, staff will include rehabilitation cost estimates in the 2026 budget.

Financial Impact

Potential costs for rehabilitation to be included in 2026 budget.

Consultations

None.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Greta and Titch Boswell Memorial Lions Ball Diamond - Public Feedback emails and letters

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