

Community and Regional Parks

In your presentation you identified that you believed approximately \$300,000 had been collected from the homes in the Meadowood/Corcan area for community and regional parks.

The parcel tax roll for the Meadowood Fire Protection Service shows 445 properties at this time – there are approximately, a further 200 properties along the Bayliss/Corcan Rd corridor. Based on the assumption that there are approximately 645 properties in the Meadowood/Corcan corridor and using the 2010 budget, I have estimated the amount of taxes paid for Community and Regional Parks over a five year period as follows:

Community Parks	\$ 64,425
Regional Parks operations	<u>\$ 46,775</u>
Estimated maximum taxes levied for Community & Regional Parks operations	<u>\$111,200</u>

There is also a \$10 per property levy for the acquisition and development of major capital structures in Regional Parks – over a five year period properties in this area would have contributed \$32,550. Together these tax contributions would be \$143,750 from this area.

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The Community Parks tax levy in 2010 for Electoral Area 'F' is \$93,140. Most of the community parks in Electoral Area 'F' are undeveloped, however, the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee have identified a number of priorities for trail connections and that is one of the focuses of the 2010 budget. In 2010 about \$46,525 of the budget will be used to respond to hazard trees and other maintenance like items, the placement of signs to ensure residents are aware of any known risks in community parks as well as some trail development work in the Malcolm Community Park, located behind the Whiskey Creek store. Parks management, planning and operational staff costs total \$53,705 and a small future acquisition/development reserve contribution of \$5,000 make up the remainder of the annual budget.

It is true that the community park in the Meadowood area is the largest in Electoral Area 'F'. To date it has simply been impractical with the population density in the area to move forward with development plans given the anticipated costs, which will be borne throughout Electoral Area 'F'. Your request has been forwarded to the Electoral Area F Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee for consideration in future annual budgets.