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INFORMATION REQUEST (IR) - Lion's Park Upgrade - Human/Dog Water Fountain

Requested by: Councillor Patrick

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Date Response Due: January 2, 2026

Confidential Response: No

QUESTION

What would it take in terms of cost and planning to add a combination human/dog water fountain to the plans for the Lion's Park upgrade and what would this add in terms of cost to the planned budget for this project?

RESPONSE

The elements identified in the inquiry are typically addressed as part of the park design process. Concept planning for Lions Parks redevelopment will begin in early 2026 and will establish the specific site amenities (e.g., playground, freezeway, picnic shelter, amenity pavilion) and their locations required to deliver the existing park program. This work will build on previous planning efforts, which identified a need for easily accessible drinking water, and include public engagement, but will not change the existing park program (e.g., event space, play, social gathering). Currently there is no established service standard for providing dedicated water stations serving people and dogs within parks, as service standards are usually established at a broader level.

Lions Park detailed design will continue through 2026, and construction could begin as early as 2027, pending Council approval of necessary capital charter funds. All amenities determined within the park design will be included in the future capital funding request and the cost of any additional water infrastructure of this type is anticipated to be minimal compared to the overall project.

Under the City of St. Albert Parks and Open Space Standards and Guidelines, Lions Park is classified as a City Park. City Parks have a water servicing provision identified in the guidelines, although specifics of that site provision will be determined through the detailed design process and will factor in several elements including policy, service standards, cost, and public input.

In 2026, Recreation & Parks is advancing planning that will inform how we build and rebuild our parks and open spaces to meet a broad range of recreational needs. This work is cross departmental and will include broad public engagement and regional municipal research. In alignment with Municipal Development Plan goals, Administration will also begin work on the Community Well Being long range strategy, which may consider amenities and services for park users and their pets.

Should Council wish to direct Administration to pursue the provision of dog and human water fountains at Lions Park, there are two potential courses of action:

1. Council may provide a Notice of Motion directing Administration to incorporate water stations serving both people and dogs into the Lions Park capital project; or alternatively,
2. Council may provide a Notice of Motion to add water stations serving both people and dogs to the City's formal service standards.

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