

Council Memorandum

Date:	October 5, 2021
To:	Council
From:	Councillor Yeo
Re:	Decision Units for the 2022 Budget

Recommendation

That the memorandum, from Councillor Yeo, regarding **Decision Units for the 2022 Budget**, be received;

That the following roads be brought forward as decision units in the 2022 budget process:

1. Centennial Park Road
2. Omega Road
3. Crawford Road
4. Fish Hawk Road
5. Otter Road (Long Point)
6. North Bay Drive

That design work for the Community Centre, at Ward Park, be updated to today's pricing and standards for the purpose of being included in the budget for 2023;

That the design for the Community Centre include an outdoor skating pad the same size as the former indoor pad at Ward Park; and

That these recommendations be forwarded to the next Regular Council meeting for consideration.

Rationale

1. Centennial Park Road is in need of repair.
2. Omega Road is in need of repair.
3. Crawford Road is in need of repair.
4. Fish Hawk Road is in need of repair.
5. Otter Road (Long Point) is in need of repair.
6. North Bay Drive has some segments that are in need of repair, other segments are in fairly good condition. Looking for a program that would best remedy the problem areas.

The project at Ward Park was started in 2014/2015 with the refurbishing of the exterior of the building and climate control installation. As a result of the refurbishing, it became evident that it was no longer possible to install ice in the building and consequently, the community lost their skating rink. Community meetings were held and an outdoor rink was strongly supported as long as it was, at least, the same size as the inside rink and that there was a possibility of adding a roof over the surface. The community has been fundraising for this initiative and the Norland Power Dam Reserve was created to support this cause. This past year, the park's management was taken over by the Ward Park Volunteer Management Board (as per Council direction) and they are keen to get the interior of the building updated, based on the approved plans obtained from A.W Hooker Associates, by staff, in 2014/2015. It is time to complete this project that was started so long ago.