

FOR THE RECORD

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DISC GOLF COURSE IN ART GIBBONS MEMORIAL PARK

In November 2019, City Council passed a resolution to conduct a one-year pilot program for a disc golf course at Art Gibbons Memorial Park in Rosemont. The park space is intended for recreational purposes and there are many potential benefits of including disc golf as part of the park's overall use. The space is ideal for this activity which is growing in popularity in Canada, as it provides a safe, barrier-free and fun activity for our community.

City staff have worked closely with the Nelson Disc Golf Society (NDGS) to create the routing of a short 9-hole course. The routing was carefully planned and tested by the NDGS using best practices for disc golf and taking in to consideration the safety of all park users. City Parks' management approved the routing in the spring of 2020. The proximity of the course to the trail was intentional to allow for casual interaction with park users and disc golfers.

The NDGS constructed tee pads and supports for the baskets over several weekends spring 2020. The pads were made from treated lumber and compacted gravel (not concrete). The City and the NDGS collaborated on signage for the course routing and park safety. The signage is clearly displayed and includes course rules and etiquette. As of June 20th, the course will be open to the public for casual play.

The pilot program for the course is set for a one-year period, starting on June 20th, 2020.

The pilot program evaluation criteria will be based on:

- Statistics – user participation, demographics, new players, growth of the sport.
- Complaints and compliments (number and nature).
- Incidents/conflicts (number and nature).
- A public survey at the end of the pilot program will be delivered to gather feedback.

The City will monitor the success of this project and make adjustments as required based on collaboration from all stakeholders. City Parks' staff will also oversee the activities in the park as they do in our other parks and public spaces.

If you are interested in learning more about the game of disc golf, please contact the NDGS at iraleeanderson@gmail.com.

If you any feedback for the City on the Nelson Disc Golf Course, please send your comments to discgolf@nelson.ca.