

Legislation Text

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Vandalism at the Derek Doubleday Arboretum

Whereas the Township of Langley is expanding the current infrastructure and amenities within the Derek Doubleday Arboretum to include a new Interpretive Centre as well as 'age friendly' exercise equipment;

Whereas there have been recent reports of vandalism which damage includes tagging of trees, bench supports, as well as graffiti defacing other infrastructure; and

Whereas the Arboretum remains vulnerable to continued vandalism given factors such as its location away from developed urban areas,

a lack of illumination after dusk, a vegetated berm constructed along the south side of the park which obscures visibility, as well as ease of access from the Fraser Highway by vehicle or overland through the trail system to the north;

Therefore be it resolved that staff provide a report regarding opportunities to proactively protect the park infrastructure and enhance security, which analysis should include best management practices measures to potentially include a live-in caretaker either in a standalone residence or as part of the new interpretive centre infrastructure.