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## **Feb 15, 2016 PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

### **INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

Council approved the completion of a new Parks, Recreation and Culture master plan to replace the previous plan, which was completed in 2001. The Parks, Recreation and Culture department engaged GDH Solutions to complete the new Parks, Recreation and Culture master plan, the project commenced in November 2015.

By the end of January 2016, GDH had completed stakeholder interviews, conducted focus group sessions with representatives from community organizations (social services), School District 68, seniors, service clubs, sport groups, arts and culture groups, special event organizers, youth as well as recreation program participants.

GDH prepared an online and paper survey, which closed February 13 with an exciting high return of over 400 responses. GDH is currently analyzing the data and will be presenting a draft plan at the upcoming community open house (April 6 at FJCC) along with draft recommendations to be presented to council for feedback.

### **SCOPE OF WORK:**

Parks, Recreation and Culture staff will be working with the consulting team to assist them in gathering information from the community over the next few months. This process will coincide with staff providing the consultant information that will allow the consultant to conduct a complete review of all aspects of department's services and facilities.