

## Residents urged to offer input into park

I am writing to invite and urge King residents, particularly those near Nobleton, to make their views known on the proposed options for the design and name of the new park in Nobleton.

Now is the time to choose the design for what will be the largest park in King Township. Many citizens have already contributed ideas for elements that they would like to see included.

Staff has taken these ideas and shared them with the contracted company that has now created 4 options. Playgrounds for all ages (toddler to seniors), bike and skateboard areas, trails, benches, a soccer field, a splash pad, shade structures, fitness equipment and natural areas etc could all be incorporated.

Community members indicated that accessibility and natural playground elements are important to them. Do you want an off-leash, fenced dog park and, if so, are you willing to be part of a user group that oversees the use and maintenance of such a feature?

What should this new addition to our community be named? The Metrus reference is not the name, it is simply the present, legal designation for a portion of the land. The park is for use by all of the King community.

Should we name it after a village founder who spent many years creating Nobleton? Would Budweth Park be an appropriate name?

What other community founders or history should be highlighted? Should we have a sign in the toddler area of the playground in memory of any number of young people lost under tragic circumstances as some of us suggest? Is the name of one of the original sports teams in the village a possibility? What would you like to name the new park?

Please come to the public open house Feb. 4 at the Nobleton arena at 7 p.m. to learn about the various proposals and to make your wishes known. This is your opportunity to help create an imaginative, fun, beautiful and lasting addition to Nobleton! For more information call the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department at 905-833-5321.

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