

Purpose of delegation

A request to have Birdsong Park zoned P1

A carry over from the October 17th, 2016 City Council Meeting



October 3rd, 2022

Park Designation Approval

We are here this evening to ask city council fulfill commitments made during the 2016 Public hearing, that this riverfront land be designated as a park, and appropriately zoned as P1 Parkland.

- **A key part of the Pittman submission for a development plan amendment was a commitment to dedicate 40 acres of private land as parkland.**
- **This was the fundamental basis of support from the community, to not oppose the proposed pit expansion application.**
- **There was something substantive in this proposal for both parties, which should be the goal of any parties in a long term relationship.**
- **By approving this development plan amendment submission as submitted, city council approved all commitments in the submission, not just the area expansion.**

Council support

A video will be played during the
livestream at the October 3, 2022
regular Council meeting.



Nature Park

Birdsong Park is a large intact riverside natural area with habitat for birds and urban wildlife that should not be developed.

- **This is not a park that will require large development or maintenance costs.**
- **This is a unique opportunity to have a large, centrally located, intact riverfront area easily accessible to the citizens of Prince George.**
- **Council has recognized the need to do more with riverfront areas.**
- **The potential of this area has been recognized in OCPs.**
- **Wildlife habitat suitability is high.**

Habitat

Five hundred habitat shrubs were planted by volunteers in the cleared portion of the land to expand specific habitat area. Over 3000 trees and shrubs have been planted, for habitat enhancement, visual screening and sound buffering. Improvements funded by Pittman.

During the summer of 2020 residential wildlife included:

- **A doe mule deer & fawn**
- **Two yearling mule deer with two point antlers**
- **Cow moose & calf**
- **Two year old black bear**
- **Coyote**

These animals were resident in the park for several months over the spring, summer and fall.

Other Improvements

To date improvements have been mostly been done by volunteers with supporting funds from Pittman Asphalt. For example;

- An assessment of bird habitat suitability was completed by TDB Consulting on a pro-bono basis. Bird call recordings were taken during nesting and rearing periods to confirm habitat use.**
- Trail networks have been re-designed and signed to avoid developed areas.**
- An osprey pole was erected by volunteers.**
- An accessible riverbank trail is planned, subject to city endorsement.**

We request a motion to rezone the
city property to a P1 park