

Winter Recreation Park at Diefenbaker Park (Optimist Hill) – Budget Adjustment

Optimist Hill Project Phase One Budget Summary

Phase One includes:

- development of the tube hill, ski and snowboarding area, snow terrain park, and a tobogganing area;
- construction of service buildings, including a mechanical building and temporary outbuildings for the operation of the hill; and
- provision of utility services to the site. This portion is being funded by the City of Saskatoon (City) through Capital Project No. 2602 – Winter Recreation Park at Diefenbaker Park.

The estimated budget of \$1.9 million for Phase One of the project included the \$535,000 funded by the City through Capital Project No. 2602 – Winter Recreation Park at Diefenbaker Park.

The following table provides a summary of the updated budget for Phase One with a projected cost of \$2,840,000. Included in the total is the updated \$635,000 capital contribution from the City to provide utility services to the site.

Table 1: Phase One Updated Budget (Based on Tender Results and Actual Costs)

Hill Construction (Earth Moving)	\$1,520,000
Lift Systems	\$ 360,000
Engineering	\$ 65,000
PST and Contingencies	\$ 160,000
Snow-Making Equipment	\$ 40,000
Pathways/Landscaping	\$ 60,000
Utilities Infrastructure (City's Capital Contribution)	\$ 635,000
Total Updated Projected Budget for Phase One	\$2,840,000

Various causes of the cost increases include:

- increased fuel prices;
- timing of the tendering for the work;
- increased application of PST to construction projects; and
- change in design to a “cut and fill” project, which significantly increased the storm water infrastructure requirements.