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FOIP 17(1)

Cc: Council

From: Matthew Goudy, CAO

Date: August 20, 2019

**Reference: 11/154/2019-198**

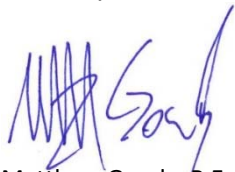
## RE: Trees in the Birth Place Forest

Thank you for expressing your concerns both in person and by telephone regarding the future of the City of Lacombe's Birth Place Forest, a municipal reserve west of Fairview Cemetery dedicated by Council in 2006 as a commemorative urban forest. You commented that it might be helpful to relocate the future Forest in an alternate City park, one in need of trees such as the Len Thompson Fish Pond Park, since the community currently uses the west side of Lincoln Park for unstructured play.

A review of Council motions related to the Birth Place Forest shows that in November of 2006 Council re-considered the dedication of the whole of Lincoln Park as a Forest, in response to public who opposed it at the time. As a result, Council amended the original motion to dedicate only the east half of Lincoln Park for Birth Place Forest Phase 1, and the open green space in Bruns Park for Phase 2 when needed. With three to six new plantings each year, Phase 1 will likely be full in three years and the City will commence planting in Bruns Park, with Phase 2 expected to serve the City's needs for at least a further 15 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the history of this wonderful amenity. I trust this letter responds to your concerns at this time.

Sincerely,



Matthew Goudy, P.Eng  
Chief Administrative Officer

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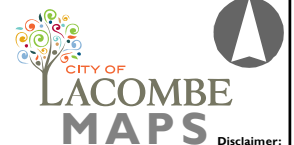
**City of Lacombe**  
*Birthplace Forest*

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**Birthplace Forest**

- Phase 1
- Phase 2



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 Coordinate System: NAD 1983 3TM 114 Date: 2019-08-20

## Deborah Juch

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**From:** Deborah Juch  
**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 4:25 PM  
**To:** Deborah Juch  
**Subject:** FW: Birthplace forest

### Motions from September 25 2006

75/238 06MO  
Dedication of  
Birthplace Forest  
06-286

**MOVED BY Councillor Olsen:**

THAT Lot 1MR, Block 5, Plan 922-2219, known as Lincoln Park, immediately west of the cemetery be dedicated as a Birthplace Forest for the planting of trees in honour of a child's birth.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

75/238.01 06MO  
Birthplace Forest  
policy adopted  
06-287

**MOVED BY Councillor Olsen:**

THAT Policy 75/238 (06) – Birthplace Forest be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Motions from November 20 2006

## 75 Recreation, Parks and Culture Services

### 75.1 Communities in Bloom

The CAO reviewed a memorandum noting opposition received regarding the dedication of the entire Lincoln Park municipal reserve to the BirthPlace forest. Advised of alternatives including dedicating only the west half of Lincoln Park as phase I of the BirthPlace Forest and the northeast corner of Bruns Park as phase II.

75/914.01 06MO  
Dedication of  
Lincoln Park  
06-333

**MOVED BY Councillor Parent:**

THAT the west half of Lot 1MR, Block 5, Plan 922-2219, known as the BirthPlace Forest, be known as Lincoln Park.

Altering the original resolution whereby the area east of the walkway will be utilized.

VOTED FOR MOTION: 5  
VOTED AGAINST MOTION: 1  
MOTION CARRIED

75/914.02 06MO  
Dedication of  
BirthPlace Forest  
06-334

**MOVED BY Councillor Parent:**

THAT the northeast corner of Lot 43ER, known as Bruns Pond, be dedicated as Phase II of the BirthPlace Forest.

MOTION CARRIED