Glen Canyon Park:
Tennis Court Relocation

The following maps were created by in response to a request from a community member concerning the affect that the tennis court relocation would have on the trees to the east of the existing tennis courts.

The proposed improvement plan was developed though a series of community meetings and reflects the community’s desire to continue to have two tennis courts, expand the children's play area, improve the ball fields and create a more welcoming entrance pathway into the park. As was discussed extensively in the public meetings, the site, due to its topography, unique features, and facilities, contains a lot of different challenges which the design must consider.

The park improvement plan includes a new improved entrance from Elk Street, a new and expanded children's play area and the relocation and replacement of the tennis courts. This would require the removal of the trees in the narrow strip of land behind the tennis courts now. These trees would be replaced with new plantings, likely native vegetation, shrubs and trees better suited for this location given the scale and activities in this area. There has been a history of failure with this group of trees, with one falling onto the tennis courts and one onto a house across Elk Street, and the trees' roots undermining the foundation of the existing tennis courts. This is a highly trafficked area as it is in close proximity to the tennis courts, the playground and two parallel park entrances, one leading to the recreational facilities and the other leading to the canyon/natural areas. As part of this and most capital projects, we will be inspecting the health and condition of all of the trees in the area, particularly those that would be affected by construction activities. The Rec Park Department takes tree safety and health quite seriously.