

Memorandum

TO: Members of Council
FROM: Ms. K. Power, City Clerk
DATE: Monday, October 21, 2019
SUBJECT: Additional Information
City Council (Public Meeting) – Committee of the Whole - October 21, 2019

CITY COUNCIL (PUBLIC MEETING)

Additional Information

1. Memorandum from Ms. L. McEachern, Director – Planning Services Division, dated October 21, 2019 relative to Report No. 133/2019 (Planning Services - Development & Emergency Services) 105 Junot Avenue, referencing correspondence received relative to the application. **(Distributed Separately to Members of Council and EMT only)**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

R 152/2019 (Community Services) Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)

Memorandum from Ms. K. Robertson, General Manager – Community Services dated October 16, 2019, relative to report R 152/2019 (Community Services) containing an amended recommendation relative to priority ranking of applications to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Funding Stream and the endorsement of the Waverly Resource Library's ICIP application. **(Distributed separately on Monday, October 21, 2019)**

NEW BUSINESS

Establishment of Closed Session

1. Confidential memorandum from Ms. K. Power, City Clerk, dated October 21, 2019 relative to the establishment of a Committee of the Whole - Closed Session meeting on October 21, 2019. **(Distributed to members of Council, EMT and City Solicitor only)**

The following resolution will be presented to Committee of the Whole for consideration:

“THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in order to receive information relative to labour relations or employee negotiations.”

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 16, 2019
TO: Members of City Council
CC: EMT
FROM: Kelly Robertson,
General Manager, Community Services Department
SUBJECT: Additional Information – Report 152/2019 Investing in Canada
Infrastructure Program (ICIP) - Community, Recreation and Culture
Funding Stream

This memo is to advise City Council of additional information received by Administration related to Report 152/2019 (October 21, 2019, Committee of the Whole, Community Services) - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Community, Recreation and Culture Funding Stream – after the report was finalized and distributed.

As a result of a webinar hosted October 15, 2019 by the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure, new information was received through a question and answer session following the webinar:

- i. While not a requirement, it may be beneficial for applicants submitting multiple project funding applications, to assign a priority ranking to each individual project in their mandatory business case templates;
- ii. While not a requirement, Council resolutions in support of projects are encouraged to be included as supporting information to funding application.

Recommendation:

With Respect to Report No. R152/2019 (Community Services), we recommend that City Council approve the submission of applications to the Invest in Canada Infrastructure (ICIP) – Community, Culture and Recreation Funding Stream Ontario Program as outlined in this Report;

AND THAT City Council approve the recommended priority ranking for each project as presented as follows;

- Priority 1 – Proposed Multi-use Indoor Sports Facility at Chapples Park (2020 – 2022)
- Priority 2 – Resurface Legion Track and replace Fort William Stadium Synthetic Turf Field (2021)

Priority 3 – Renew Fort William Gardens (2021 – 2025)

Priority 4 – Waterfront Phase II – Festival Area Improvements (2025 – 2027).

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to City Council for ratification.

Rationale:

As per resolution of City Council at the July 22, 2019 meeting and respect to Report 86/2019 (Community Services), the proposed Multi-use Indoor Sports Facility at Chapples Park is to be considered a priority under the ICIP Program. We recommend that this project be considered Priority 1 given the opportunity to address an identified community need/service gap supported by the Recreation and Facilities Master Plan, subsequent studies, and Council’s draft Strategic Plan. This project will improve health and wellness outcomes for individuals of all ages/abilities and generate economic benefit to our community. In addition, the proposed facility solution demonstrates good value for money taking into account estimated capital and operating costs.

Priority 2 - the resurfacing of Legion Track is required primarily for health and safety reasons – the current condition of the track is deteriorating, lifting and causing tripping hazards for users. Remediation of the track will involve some substructure work to improve drainage. Fort William Stadium Synthetic Turf Field is also at end of life. Both of these facilities are well used by school groups, athletics, and turf sports and the upkeep of this facility presents future event hosting/economic benefits. Completion of these projects at the same time represents good asset management planning given the use of heavy equipment to install the synthetic turf, that can otherwise cause damage to the track, as well as the opportunity to extend the life of these assets for the next 10 – 15 years.

Priority 3 – the renewal of Fort William Gardens will allow us to make improvements to this aging, but structurally sound facility, in the short to medium term to diversify the facility’s current use pending the finalization of plans for its replacement/repurposing. This project will renew the facility interior/exterior, allow for energy efficient upgrades, support the installation of a modern rigging system to address a safety issue for contractors/employees and optimize the venue’s capacity to host a diversity of performances, and potentially renovations/expansions to box office, concessions and change rooms.

Priority 4 – the completion of Festival Area Improvements will allow enhanced programming and tourism attraction, limit sound transfer to downtown area, improve audience experience, increase event hosting/management capabilities, allow for more efficient event set-up for organizers, and implement electrical enhancements to support higher level events/concerts. Free city and community events attract more than 100,000 patrons annually including individuals living on a low income, families, and Indigenous Peoples.

Administration has taken into account the total estimated project cost, the City’s required municipal contribution, and the City’s capacity to fund the required municipal contribution to inform the above priority ranking and timing of the proposed projects.

Yours truly,

Kelly Robertson, General Manager
Community Services Department