Potential Operations and Maintenance Strategies for Aging Recreation Facilities

Recommendation

That the June 16, 2021, Citizen Services report CS00248, be received for information.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the December 9/11, 2020, City Council meeting, the following motion was passed: That Administration engage with interested community partners and report back on any potential operations and maintenance strategies for aging City recreation facilities such as Oliver, Tipton and Eastglen.

Report

This motion will be addressed in the June 22, 2021, Office of the City Manager report OCM00503 - Reimagine Services Update. The notion of exploring opportunities to work with third parties to build, operate, or maintain City facilities was put forward as a business case to further develop as part of the City's Reimagine Services review.

Specifically, Reimagine Services Update report, OCM00503, to be presented to City Council on June 22, 2021, will provide details on the recommendation to outsource operations and programming at select facilities, including the aging facilities of Oliver and Tipton arenas and Eastglen Leisure Centre. City Council's December 9/11, 2020, motion to conduct similar engagement for this report aligned with the Reimagine business case and the findings have been fully incorporated in the Reimagine report.

As part of the Reimagine business case development, engagement with potential partners/third-party operators was conducted through a series of market sounding sessions which gathered input and feedback on operating, programming, and revenue models. Any recommendation or action from the Reimagine report will fulfill the above motion made and therefore Administration did not embark on independent engagement outside the Reimagine process.