

Argyll Velodrome Redevelopment Project – Update

Recommendation:

That Community Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That Administration explore the possibility of including an indoor cycling track as a component of the Coronation Community Recreation Centre project.
2. That the reallocation of \$200,000 of operating budget funds, from the closed capital project “Edmonton BMX bike park relocation” (Project Profile 08-21-5732) to fund the concept design studies for the Coronation Community Recreation Centre, be approved.

Report Summary

This report provides information on the current status of the Argyll Velodrome Redevelopment Project and proposes next steps.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the April 6, 2010, Community Services Committee meeting, the following motion was passed:

1. That Attachment 1 be added to the March 15, 2010, Community Services Department report 2010CSR001 and remain private pursuant to sections 24 and 25 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
2. That the recommendation outlined in Attachment 1 of the March 15, 2010 Community Services Department report 2010CSR001, be approved.

3. That the March 15, 2010, Community Services Department report 2010CSR001 be received for information.

Report

Argyll Velodrome Site Selection Update

- Administration has been working to finalize the site for the Argyll Velodrome, including the potential purchase of a privately held parcel of land as previously directed in the in-private motion from the April 6, 2010, Community Services Committee meeting.
- Negotiations to acquire the privately held site for a new velodrome were unable to conclude on a mutually acceptable price. With this site no longer an option, Administration has been working with the Argyll Velodrome Association to identify and explore other potential sites. At this stage, the most promising location is Coronation Park.

Edmonton BMX Association Site Update

- As a result of the Argyll Velodrome redevelopment currently pursuing options at other locations, the Edmonton BMX Association has the option of staying on the Argyll District Park site. The Edmonton BMX Association prefers the Argyll location and they no longer wish to relocate to John Fry Park. Therefore, the \$200,000 previously approved by City Council to relocate the BMX bike park, will no longer be required by the group.

Coronation Community Recreation Centre

- Administration would like to explore the possibility of incorporating an indoor cycling track as a facility component of the Coronation Community Recreation Centre.

- This location is consistent with the Medium Term Recreation Facility and Sports Field Plan, approved by City Council in 2007, which recommends the development of a multi-purpose recreation facility in close proximity to Peter Hemingway Fitness and Leisure Centre in Coronation Park. The proposed expansion of the facility potentially includes a fitness centre, gymnasium, multi-purpose space and other support space.
- The main components identified for the Coronation Community Recreation Centre are consistent with those proposed in the velodrome facility, including a gymnasium, fitness centre, multi-purpose space, walking/running track and support amenities (such as office space, storage, concession area, change rooms, etc).

Next Steps

- Further work on the program development for the Coronation Recreation Centre would assist Administration in determining the viability of a multi-purpose recreation centre, that includes an indoor cycling track as a facility component. The impact on the open space in Coronation Park would also be examined.
- The \$200,000 cost of the concept design studies is not currently funded. Administration is requesting that funding be approved to undertake the following studies related to the Coronation site:
 - environmental impact assessment, traffic and parking impact assessment, geotechnical assessment
 - business case and functional program development

- public consultation

Policy

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Public Consultation

A Public Involvement Plan will be developed that will include consultation with all key stakeholders.

Budget/Financial Implications

Funding for the concept design studies is not yet in place but could be reallocated from the BMX Capital project which has available General Financing and is being closed. (Capital Project Profile 08-21-5732.)

Justification of Recommendation

1. This recommendation would allow Administration to explore the viability of a multi-purpose recreation centre that includes an indoor cycling track at the Coronation District Park site.
2. This funding would allow Administration to proceed with concept design studies for the Coronation Community Recreation Centre and move forward on direction set out in the Medium Term Recreation Facility and Sports Field Plan.

Others Reviewing this Report

- D. H. Edey, General Manager, Corporate Services Department
- L. Rosen, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
- M. Koziol, General Manager, Capital Construction Department and Acting General Manager, Asset Management and Public Works Department