

Next Steps – Update on Future Meetings and Changes to Time Schedule

Recommendation:

1. That the Orders of the Day for the January 17, 2011, City Council meeting, be changed to 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and that the meeting be dedicated to reports regarding a possible sports and entertainment facility.
2. That the Orders of the Day for the January 18, 2011, City Council meeting, be changed to 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and that the meeting be a statutory public hearing for a land use public hearing, dedicated to hearing an application for rezoning land for the use of a possible sports and entertainment facility.

Report Summary

This report suggests a process for Council to consider reports that have been requested providing information on a possible sport and entertainment facility and a land use public hearing for the rezoning of land.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the July 21, 2010, City Council meeting, the following motions were passed:

That Administration:

1. Enter into discussions with the Katz Group of Companies and Northlands on a framework for the financing, not including an

increase in current property taxes, and operations of a potential downtown arena and entertainment project.

2. Develop a community consultation program, in line with City Policy C513, on a downtown arena and entertainment district project on a city-wide basis.

Downtown Arena – Potential Impacts

That Administration prepare a report on potential impacts on City operations, infrastructure and investments of a potential downtown arena and include an update on any commitments of Federal and Provincial funding for this project.

Downtown Arena – Private Development

1. That Administration develop a benchmark scenario for private development of the facility and report back on the proforma for this. If it is Administration's conclusion that it is not feasible for an arena to be built privately, then detail and quantify the financial gaps that stand in the way.

Community Revitalization Levy – (Downtown) Risk Leakage

2. That Administration report to Council on the risks of leakage of development potential from the pending Quarters Community Revitalization Levy to the proposed Arena District Community Revitalization Levy.

Report

- Administration would like to bring all of the reports from the above motions to one meeting. They are recommending that this meeting be

held prior to any public hearing on land use matters.

- Planning and Development Department is working with the Katz Group to bring a request for rezoning for the purpose of a sports and entertainment facility, and believe the application will be ready for a public hearing in January 2011.
 - In order to facilitate these two requests, it is recommended that at the January 17, 2011, City Council meeting, the reports requested at the July 21, 2010, meeting be considered, and the land use public hearing be held the following day.
3. It is anticipated that coming out of the January meetings there may be a need for further meetings. The Office of the City Clerk will bring suggestions for future meetings to the January 17, 2011, City Council meeting.

Legal Implications

Hearing the non-land use matters separately from the land use matters, may assist Council to separate its legal roles when considering the two very divergent issues.

Justification of Recommendation

1. It is anticipated that the discussion of the reports related to the five motions will require a full day meeting.
2. Given the expressed interest in the sports and entertainment facility, it is anticipated that a 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. meeting is required.