

## RE/MAX Field Drainage Project

### Recommendation

That the Municipal Improvement Agreement between the City of Edmonton and Baseball Edmonton Inc., as outlined in Attachment 1 of the February 3, 2021, Citizen Services report CS00232, be approved, and that agreement be in form and content acceptable to the City Manager.

### Executive Summary

Administration and Baseball Edmonton are working to address drainage issues at RE/MAX Field and to replace the artificial turf that is at the end of its lifecycle. Baseball Edmonton is leading the project through their professional consultant team and the City is providing project management oversight to ensure the City's requirements for design and construction are met. The City is contributing financially to the project to cover the costs of structural and lifecycle replacement elements that are the City's responsibility as owner of the facility.

Administration is seeking approval to enter into a Municipal Improvement Agreement with Baseball Edmonton Inc. that outlines the roles and responsibilities of each party for the project and confirms the City's funding contribution for the work. As per the City Administration Bylaw 16620, agreements with a value exceeding \$500,000 must be approved by the appropriate Committee of Council.

### Report

Administration has identified long-standing and ongoing field drainage and building flooding issues at RE/MAX Field. Specifically, rainwater does not drain properly from the field and bleacher areas and there is water leaking into the home plate lounge, suites, and other areas within the facility.

RE/MAX Field is owned by the City of Edmonton and leased to Baseball Edmonton. As the new facility operator, Baseball Edmonton is committed to replacing the artificial turf infield prior to the beginning of the 2021 baseball season in June. The correction of drainage and building flooding issues are the City's responsibility and Administration committed to resolving the field drainage issue prior to new turf being installed.

Given the timeline and integration required, Administration has agreed to allow Baseball Edmonton to lead the investigation and resolution of the facility drainage issue as well as the turf replacement and associated work that includes, but is not

limited to, field drainage infrastructure replacement, curb replacement, safety net replacement and transformer enclosure replacement. Administration will contribute funding to the project for the elements of work that are the City's responsibility.

The full cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$1.6 million. Baseball Edmonton is contributing approximately \$625,000 and the City will contribute the balance, not to exceed \$1 million.

### Budget/Financial Implications

In October 2020, City Council approved the use of the remainder of the Telus Field Capital Reserve, a total of \$373,776.85, for this project. This amount has been added to CM-12-0000 Facility: Service Delivery - Renewal. Additional non-reserve funding from within profile CM-33-0000 Open Space: Open Spaces - Renewal will be allocated to support the remaining capital work.

### Public Engagement

Public engagement was not undertaken for this report as citizen input would not have influenced the decision to perform required structural work at a City facility.

### Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

<b>Corporate Outcome:</b> The City of Edmonton has sustainable and accessible infrastructure			
<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Target</b>
The outstanding balance of the reserve is used for required maintenance and improvements	Dollars in the reserve	2020: \$373,776.85	2021: \$0

### Risk Assessment

<b>Risk Element</b>	<b>Risk Description</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Risk Score (with current mitigations)</b>	<b>Current Mitigations</b>	<b>Potential Future Mitigations</b>
<b>If recommendation is approved</b>						
Natural Disasters	Significant adverse weather impacts timelines for the installation of new turf.	2 - Unlikely	2 - Moderate	4 - Low	Coordinate with the partner to ensure timelines remain on track for required City work.	

Financial	The drainage issue is worse than anticipated and requires additional funding from the City.	3 - Possible	2 - Moderate	6 - Low	Coordinate with the partner to ensure that there is adequate levels of funding support to cover repair costs.	
<b>If recommendation is not approved</b>						
Financial	Timelines for work to commence would be impacted as funding for the project may be limited.	3 - Possible	2 - Moderate	6 - Low	Coordinate with the partner on processes and avenues for funding approval to ensure timelines will not be significantly impacted.	

### Attachments

1. City of Edmonton and Baseball Edmonton Inc. - Municipal Improvement Agreement - Key Terms

### Others Reviewing this Report

- G. Cebryk, Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- C. Owen, Deputy City Manager, Communications and Engagement
- M. Persson, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- A. Laughlin, Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- B. Andriachuk, City Solicitor