



COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Innovative Funding Strategies to Build, Operate and Maintain Recreation Centres

Recommendation of the Committee

- That Administration issue an Expression of Interest (EOI) to solicit potential interest for external partners interested in any combination of either Financing, Building, and/or Operating/Maintaining any of the planned components of the Lewis Farms District Park and Recreation Facility and return to Committee in the fourth quarter of 2021 with an analysis and evaluation of the submissions.
- That Administration explore potential funding strategies, including but not limited to the ARAs (Arterial Road Assessments) and PACs (Permanent Area Contributions) requirements for the development of the proposed A1 indoor soccer facility at 16420 - 26 street and report back to Committee.

History

- At the February 3, 2021, Community and Public Services Committee meeting, the February 3, 2021, Citizen Services report CR_8024 was considered and Committee heard from M. Bachewich, Active Communities Alberta Society; M. Mahmi, A1 Athletic Facility; J. Kusiek, K. Goa and E. Solez (speaking on behalf of Diana Staley), Friends of Scona Rec; J. Hewko and S. Loots.
- At the February 3, 2021, Community and Public Services Committee meeting, the following motions were passed:

That Administration continue to work with the community and the development community on the full range of tools presented, including a CRL or similar tool, using Rollie Miles as a pilot, to provide a report with a partial funding strategy available for Council in advance of the next capital budget process (December 2022).

Due Date: First Quarter 2022

That Administration examine options for a new policy for alternative financing tools for funding construction, operations and maintenance of recreation centres city-wide, including thresholds of city supported tax base funding versus alternative financing focused at the local area, and provide a report back.

Due Date: April 28, 2021, Community and Public Services Committee

That Administration work with Active Communities Alberta, appropriate not-for-profit organizations (ex: Hockey Edmonton, Hockey Alberta, etc.), and the Rosenthal Community League on the opportunity to build the proposed all-season outdoor recreation spaces and determine what is needed to advance this project at the current Lewis Farms Recreation Centre site.

Due Date: Prior to Spring Supplemental Capital Budget Adjustment

Attachment

February 3, 2021, Citizen Services report CR_8024