

NOTICE OF MOTION**Identification of land for the development of a multi-pad ice area in Ward 25, 26, or 34 (Ward 25 – Don Valley West, Ward 26 – Don Valley West, Ward 34 – Don Valley East)****Moved by: Councillor Jenkins** _____**Seconded by: Councillor Parker** _____**SUMMARY:**

The City is facing a deficit of ice arenas. Parks, Forestry & Recreation is operating on a zero-net loss basis for ice arenas and on the basis that new arenas should contain more than one ice pad as this increases the efficiency in operation.

Currently, there is a single-pad ice arena located in the Don Mills Centre at 1030 Don Mills Road, being the Don Mills Civitan Arena. The Arena was constructed approximately 47 years ago and last renovated approximately 24 years ago. The Arena is well used but faces problems as a result of the age of the building, the related maintenance, and a severe shortage of parking (6 spaces total).

Given the age and condition of the Arena, the fact that it is limited to one ice pad, and the significant shortage of parking on site, it is recommended that staff prioritize the task of locating and securing a site in the vicinity of the Don Mills Civitan Arena for the purpose of developing a new multi-pad ice arena, to include at least two ice pads.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Direct Parks Forestry & Recreation staff, with the assistance of City Planning, Facilities & Real Estate and the City Solicitor, to identify land within Ward 25, 26 or 34 for the purpose of developing a twin or multi-pad ice arena.
2. Direct the General Manager of Parks, Forestry & Recreation to report to the May 6, 2008 North York Community Council meeting on its progress with respect to site identification, including recommendations respecting a process to act on the acquisition of an appropriate site.

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