

Update on Proposal to Build a new Multi-pad Ice Arena in Wards 25, 26, or 34

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To:	North York Community Council
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Wards:	Ward 25 – Don Valley West Ward 26 – Don Valley West Ward 34 – Don Valley East
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SUMMARY

This report provides a status update on the proposal by the Don Mills Civitan Service Club to develop a multi-pad arena at Don Mills Road and Highway 401 lands. The Civitan presently operates in a City-owned facility at the Don Mills Civitan Arena, located at 1030 Don Mills Road. This site is currently being redeveloped and a new site for the arena is being sought.

On November 18, 2008, North York Community Council directed Parks, Forestry and Recreation to receive a proposal from the Don Mills Civitan Community Service Club for a multi-pad ice sports facility on the southwest corner of Don Mills Road and Highway 401 and, upon review of the proposal by all relevant City Divisions and other entities/agencies, to provide North York Community Council with a status report at its meeting of June 9, 2009 (revised June 23, 2009).

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff has worked with the Don Mills Civitan Community Service Club as requested by North York Community Council. Several meetings were held between the City and Don Mills Civitan to discuss the development of their proposal. Recently Don Mills Civitan requested an extension to their business plan submission and expressed an interest in exploring an alternate site at York Mills and Don Valley Parkway for the development of a multi-pad arena.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation is committed to finding a suitable site for the development of a multi-pad arena to replace the arena at the current location, and is prepared to continue to work with Don Mills Civitan Service Club and any other group that comes forward with a viable proposal to achieve a multi-pad arena.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division recommends:

1. Parks, Forestry and Recreation continue its search for a suitable site to relocate the Don Mills Civitan Arena within Ward 25, 26 and 34, which may include looking at doubling up an existing arena or using existing parkland to accommodate this need and other recreational needs;
2. Parks, Forestry and Recreation continue to work with the Don Mills Civitan Service Club and any other group that comes forward with a viable proposal to achieve the multi-pad arena;
3. Parks, Forestry and Recreation develop a process to identify a partner who has the experience to build, program and operate a multi-pad arena; and
4. Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back within three calendar months to the North York Community Council on the progress with respect to identifying a site suitable for a multi-pad arena with Wards 25, 26 or 34 to serve as a replacement for the existing Don Mills Civitan Arena.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its November 18, 2008 meeting, North York Community Council requested that the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation receive the proposal from the Don Mills Civitan Community Service Club for a multi-pad ice sports facility on the southwest corner of Don Mills Road and Highway 401, and to provide a status report with recommendations on this matter, no later than the June 9, 2009 (revised June 23, 2009) meeting of North York Community Council.

Staff Report - Multipad Ice Arena - Land to Purchase

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ny/bgrd/backgroundfile-16481.pdf>)

Attachment 1 - Study Area Map - Multipad Ice Arena - Land to Purchase

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Attachment 2 - Site Map - Multipad Ice Arena - Land to Purchase

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ny/bgrd/backgroundfile-16483.pdf>)

Attachment 3 - Memo from City Clerk - Multipad Ice Arena

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ny/bgrd/backgroundfile-16480.pdf>)

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff met with the Don Mills Civitan Service Club on December 8th, January 20th and February 10th, 2009 to discuss their proposal to build a multi-pad arena at Don Mills and Highway 401 lands. It was agreed that Don Mills Civitan would submit their proposal to staff by March 1, 2009.

In February 2009, the Don Mills Civitan informed Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff that they were not in a position to meet with staff and to submit a proposal, in light of the current Federal government infrastructure announcement, and the impact the current state of the economy could have on their ability to generate potential revenue for the project. However, they promised to keep staff apprised of anything substantive that resulted from their ongoing efforts.

In May 2009, the Don Mills Civitan requested an extension on the submission of their business plan and asked to meet with the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to discuss the Don Mills/Highway 401 development, as well as alternate sites, including City-owned land located at York Mills and Don Valley Parkway.

Also in May 2009, Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff was contacted by the Don Mills Arena Group to discuss their proposal to build a multi-pad arena at the York Mills and Don Valley Parkway site.

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