

May 12, 2014

To: Members of the Government Management Committee

Subject: GM30.14 - Results - REOI 9119-13-5004 for the Design, Construction, Administration and Operational Management of a Multi-Pad Ice Arena to Replace the Don Mills Civitan Arena - Request for ice usage information for the Don Mills Civitan Arena

SUMMARY:

After many years of studying a number of potential sites for the replacement Don Mills Civitan Arena, the Government Management Committee will now be considering the recommendation to advance the design and construction of the replacement arena at the York Mills and Don Valley Parkway location.

The Government Management Committee had asked City Staff to hold a public meeting with the community to discuss locating the replacement arena at Don Mills Middle School, a potentially surplus school field, and more recently, directed City Staff to meet with officials from Celestica to discuss the potential of locating the replacement arena at the Celestica site. It has become clear that the Don Mills Collegiate site is not possible due to the land costs associated with securing these lands. However the options surrounding the Don Mills and Eglinton sites both at the current Celestica lands and the lands abutting the Science Centre should be given further consideration through an appropriate planning review. The delay in decision making may result in the current arena either closing or reaching the end of its useful life prior to the completion of the replacement arena.

The current Don Mills Civitan Arena is scheduled to be finally closed in October 2020, if it can be kept operational until that time. In order to prepare for the potential situation where the existing arena can no longer be used prior to its scheduled closure, City Staff will be reviewing how those who use the ice at the current Don Mills Civitan Arena can be accommodated at other existing City facilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Government Management Committee recommends that:

1. the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation be directed to communicate formally to the Toronto Lands Corporation that the City will not pursue ownership of a portion of the Don Mills Collegiate site to relocate the Don Mills Arena; and
2. City Council defer the decision on the location of the replacement arena until the next term of Council pending a report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Chief Planner to outline possible options for relocating the arena in the Don Mills Eglinton area. Such report to outline the planning objectives of the area and the funding and timing implications related to any placement options in the area.
3. the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation be directed to review the current ice allocation at the Don Mills Civitan Arena; and
4. the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, based on the outcome of the review, report directly to the June 10th City Council meeting on a suitable accommodation plan to be implemented within other facilities in the event the replacement arena is not built before the current Don Mills Civitan Arena is no longer available for use as an ice arena.

Sincerely,



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