

**REPORT FOR ACTION****Agincourt Recreation Centre Status Update**

Date: June 10, 2019

To: Economic and Community Development Committee

From: General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Wards: Ward 23, Scarborough North

SUMMARY

This report responds to Economic and Community Development Committee's direction that Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back on the status of the Agincourt Recreation Centre repair and reconstruction plan, including estimated timing and the interim approach to program and service relocation.

The Agincourt Recreation Centre has been the subject of an extensive structural and building assessment following a fire which closed the facility on January 31, 2019.

Work has been advancing to restore the facility including the arena facility in phases with the arena re-opening in the fall 2019 and the balance of the centre opening in the fall 2020.

Public communication has been ongoing with respect to stakeholders and users and program relocation has been successful.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Economic and Community Development Committee receive the report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on March 6, 2019, through item EC2.13, Economic and Community Development Committee requested that the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation:

1. Report to the Economic and Community Development Committee by the second quarter of 2019 on the status of the Agincourt Recreation Centre's repair/ reconstruction plan, including estimated timing and the interim program and service relocation.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EC2.13>

COMMENTS

Agincourt Recreation Centre is a large, 90,700 square foot multi-purpose complex located at 31 Glen Watford Drive in Ward 23, Scarborough District and includes a pool, community centre and two ice pads. In 2018, this busy multiplex hosted 314,821 program participant visits and provided 6274 permit hours to 98,939 permit attendees.

On January 31st, 2019 at approximately 4:30 pm, a fire began in the ceiling and quickly spread throughout the facility. Fire crews took almost 40 hours to extinguish the blaze. All participants, users and staff were evacuated in an orderly manner with no reported injuries.

Damage to the building was significant and primarily related to the exterior finishes and roof. The major systems and structure still remain intact, though some have experienced water damage. A temporary roof has been erected and adjusters have undertaken a fulsome review of systems, structural integrity and the areas most affected including the pool basin and related mechanical. While the value of the claim has yet to be quantified, an approach to its reconstruction has been recommended to the City by the insurance adjusters.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the insurance adjuster have agreed on a phased approach to restoration that would enable the arena and associated ice programming and permits to be reinstated in September 2019. Given the nature of the damage, staff recommend proceeding with the reconstruction as planned and to return to full operating capacity by fall, 2020. As the phased approach for restoration is carried out, staff will be provided with design and construction drawings for review and approval.

To support the restoration, a public communication strategy will be employed to provide progress information. Project completion timelines will be developed in consultation with the ward Councillor.

The proposed timeline for the building's reconstruction is as follows:

- Occupancy of the arena facility by September, 2019 in time for the 2019/2020 ice season. Alternative access routes to the arena will be arranged while the community centre remains under construction.
- Occupancy of the community centre and pool by September, 2020 in time for the fall/winter 2020/2021 programming season. Upon repossession of the facility, the City may undertake refinishing work prior to opening. This will be confirmed after reconstruction plans have been finalized and approved.

Program relocation:

Where possible, service capacity at other nearby community centres in the Scarborough District was adjusted to accommodate Agincourt Recreation Centre's displaced registered programs. To date, 80% of aquatic programs and 96% of recreation programs were successfully relocated through this process. Due to the availability of drop-in opportunities at other nearby locations, drop-in programs were not relocated.

At the time of this report, staff are reviewing the fall and winter 2019-2020 recreation program schedule for the Scarborough District including programs displaced by the fire. Staff continue to provide additional program and space capacity at other locations based on demonstrated need and demand. When the facility re-opens the full roster of programs will return to Agincourt Recreation Centre.

The division is working to confirm ice permits for the fall 2019 season and has notified users of the planned re-opening in September. It is expected that the normal ice schedule will resume at Agincourt Recreation Centre for next season.

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