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2022 CAPITAL BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

Indoor and Outdoor Skating and Cricket Investments in the 2022-2031 Staff Recommended Capital Budget and Plan for Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Issue/Background:

- This briefing note responds to a request from Budget Committee, at the January 20, 2022 meeting, to provide a summary of the indoor and outdoor skating and cricket capital investments included in Parks, Forestry and Recreation's (PFR) 2022-2031 Staff Recommended Capital Budget and Plan.

Key Points:

Total Ice Skating Capital Investments

- The 2022-2031 Staff Recommended Capital Budget and Plan for PFR includes a total of \$178.0 million (M) in outdoor artificial ice rinks, skate trail and arena investments. A summary of this investment is broken down in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of Ice Skating Capital Investments in the 2022-2031 Staff Recommended Capital Budget and Plan

Type of Investment	2022-2031 Capital Budget and Plan
New Outdoor Artificial Ice Rinks (3)	\$8.2M
New Skate Trails (2)	\$5.2M
New Arenas (4 pads)	\$54.0M*
Repurposed Arenas (3 pads)	\$5.4M
SOGR Arenas	\$69.6M
SOGR Outdoor Artificial Ice Rinks	\$35.6M
Total	\$178.0M

*\$27.0M is included as part of the Don Mills Community Recreation Centre project.

- The Council approved Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (FMP) identified the recommended geographies (district or ward-specific) where new facilities would address provision gaps and other recreation priorities. The FMP also underscored the importance of arenas, outdoor artificial ice rinks (AIRs) and skate trails to residents.
- AIRs and skate trails are highly valued winter outdoor recreation facilities which provide COVID-19-safe social, mental and physical health benefits.
- Arenas, AIRs and skate trails provide opportunities for residents to be active and learn new skills, while fostering community building and connection.

New and Enhanced Artificial Ice Rinks and Skate Trails:

- The 2022-2031 Staff Recommended Capital Budget and Plan includes \$13.4M for the design and construction of three additional artificial ice rinks [\$8.2M] and two skating trails [\$5.2M]:
 - Artificial ice rink – Etobicoke/York (Humber River-Black Creek Ward 7) (2022-2023)
 - Artificial ice rink – Scarborough (Scarborough Centre Ward 21) (2025-2027)
 - Artificial ice rink – Scarborough (Scarborough Guildwood Ward 24 / Scarborough-Rouge Park Ward 25) (design 2030-2031)
 - Skate trail – Etobicoke/York (Etobicoke-Centre Ward 2) (2022-2024)
 - Skate trail – Scarborough (2030-2031) location to be determined
- Artificial ice rink/skate trail projects are delivered on a three-year cycle with design and public consultation occurring in year one and implementation in year two and three.
- An additional \$5.4M has been added to the 2022 Staff Recommended 10-Year Capital Budget and Plan to design and construct support buildings for refrigeration equipment at artificial ice rinks and skate trails. This has been factored into the costs above.
- Future budget submissions will be adjusted to reflect market value increases, scope changes and impacts of net zero requirements.

New and Enhanced Arenas:

- The 2022-2031 Staff Recommended Capital Budget and Plan includes \$59.4M for the design and construction of two new twin pad arenas [\$54.0M] and three repurposed single pad arenas [\$5.4M]:
 - Twin pad arena - Don Mills Community Recreation Centre (2022-2026)
 - Twin pad arena – Toronto/East York (2027-2029) location to be determined

- Repurposed single pad arena (2025-2027) location to be determined
- Repurposed single pad arena (2027-2029) location to be determined
- Repurposed single pad arena (design only 2030-2031) location to be determined

Arenas are delivered on a three-year cycle with design and public consultation occurring in year one and implementation in year two and three.

State of Good Repair of Arenas, Artificial Ice Rinks and Skate Trails:

- The 2022-2031 Staff Recommended Capital Budget and Plan includes \$105.2M for State of Good Repair (SOGR) works with \$69.6M for arenas and \$35.6M for AIRs and skate trails.
- Currently there are two arenas and two AIRs that are temporarily closed for repairs:
 - Scarborough Village Arena (Scarborough-Guildwood Ward 24) – closed for emergency condenser replacement. Scheduled to reopen in March 2022.
 - Scarborough Arena Gardens (Scarborough Southwest Ward 20) is closed for a required roof replacement. The replacement, associated structural and accessibility upgrades, and substantial state of good repair work is proceeding to detailed design. Scheduled to reopen in 2024.
 - Rivercrest AIR (Etobicoke North Ward 1) is closed for reconstruction. Scheduled to reopen for the 2022-23 skating season.
 - Royalcrest AIR (Etobicoke North Ward 1) is closed for reconstruction. Planned to reopen end of January 2022.
- Ted Reeve Arena (Ward 19) is planned to close from April 2022 to April 2023 for a planned state of good repair project.
- In the event of planned facility closures, programs and permits are relocated to other arenas through the annual permit allocation process. In the event of unplanned closures, every effort is made to accommodate programs and permits.

Cricket Capital Investments

- The Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan Implementation Strategy, adopted by City Council in 2019, directed staff to:
 - Upgrade 10 per cent of all cricket pitches within the next 20 years (approximately three pitches) to increase usage potential.
 - Provide access to up to five new cricket pitches within the next 20 years.
- The City is currently developing a Cricket Strategy through extensive consultation with a Cricket Reference Group and the cricket community to prioritize a shortlist of locations for the five new cricket pitches.

- Through the Cricket Strategy, a typology for cricket pitches is being developed to describe a range of field sizes to better meet player expectation and support permitting and play for all skill levels.
- The 2022-2031 Staff Recommended Capital Budget and Plan includes a total investment of \$6.4M for cricket pitches:
 - \$2.5M total for the design and construction of five new outdoor cricket pitches with construction completion estimated in 2023, 2024, 2026, 2028 and 2030.
 - The cost of a new full-size outdoor cricket pitch is approximately \$0.5M each and is delivered on a two-year cycle with design and public consultation occurring in year one and implementation in year two.
 - \$3.9M to accommodate indoor cricket programming within an additional 7,000 square feet of gym space at the new North East Scarborough Community Recreation Centre (Scarborough-Rough Park Ward 25), with construction completion estimated in 2024.
- Through the 2022-2031 Staff Recommended Capital Budget and Plan, two additional cricket pitches were added, an increase of \$1.0M compared to the 2021 Council Approved Capital Budget and 2022-2030 Capital Plan. Funding has been accelerated in order to deliver the cricket pitches sooner in response to community demand.

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