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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the June 18, 2024 Executive Committee meeting on item 2024.EX15.5, Moss Park Arena -Governance and Operational Review

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Comments:

I am writing as the Vice Chair of the Moss Park Arena Board of Management and on behalf of the board.

We have reviewed the report and believe it to be an overall fair assessment of the current situation. However, we wanted the opportunity to provide you with some additional information for consideration with the vote, especially as there were some factual inaccuracies and misrepresentations with the initial motion brought to City Council in May.

We are extremely proud of the free programming that Moss Park Arena has provided the local community since its inception. As a board-run arena, we have an arena manager who is responsible for programming. This role works with the volunteers of the Moss Park House Hockey League, Canada's only free house hockey league. The league serves the community of Moss Park and many of its alumni come back to act as coaches and volunteer coordinators. If the Moss Park Arena is converted to a PF&R arena, they would need to either find a new home, which may not be as convenient for the current players, or it would not be free, as they would need to pay for ice time. Additionally, without an arena manager organizing the summer schools, outdoor "classic" tournaments and end-of-year celebrations, this would need to be managed by PF&R staff, which is currently not in their remit.

The Central Toronto Skating Club (referred to in the report as "Moss Park Skating Club") has been a valuable partner of the arena for 40 years and run learn-to-skate programming for children, youth and adults, as well as figure skating lessons for all ages. Moss Park Arena is its primary location, with supplementary ice time at the nearby Mattamy Athletic Centre. CTSC is a member of SkateCanada, the governing body for the sport in Canada, and all members hold a valid SkateCanada membership. This membership provides skaters with insurance coverage in the event of a serious accident. All CTSC's coaches are trained to SkateCanada standards which include continuing education requirements and as a result are able to provide the gold standard of learn-to-skate programs. CTSC's learn-to-skate programming will be in direct competition with PF&R's learn-to-skate programming.

As CTSC is a not-for-profit corporation, losing its time at Moss Park Arena would have severe consequences and would hinder their ability to run affordable programming for local residents.

Finally, the arena's full time staff's connection to the local community cannot be replicated as a PF&R-run arena. The Moss Park Arena is located on the corner of Queen Street East and Sherbourne Streets—right across from The Salvation Army Maxwell Meighen Centre shelter. While challenging at times, the arena staff have built relationships with the users of the shelter and are equipped to balance the safety needs of the arena users with the respectful treatment of shelter visitors. They have also built relationships with local schools—all of which are offered free ice time throughout the year. Without a permanent, full-time staff in place, the connection to the local community would suffer.

We respectfully ask you to consider these additional points when making your decision.

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