

Deputy City Manager's Office Report to
Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Advisory Committee
2019 December 02

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report updates Council on the work of the Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Advisory Committee (FAPRAC). The Committee has advanced on several fronts since the Council endorsed the committee work plan and directed the Committee to proceed with investigations.

Consistent with the work plan, the Foothills Park Redevelopment Program and the Foothills Fieldhouse Project are proceeding concurrently. A FAPRAC working group recently prepared "Roadmap" documents for each stream of work. These roadmaps outline the due diligence (e.g. market feasibility, technical studies), public engagement, and design exercises required to produce an area plan and a detailed fieldhouse design. A request for proposals to prepare the overall Foothills Park Redevelopment Plan is being prepared. Project management structures for the fieldhouse are also currently being explored.

FAPRAC membership includes the University of Calgary, McMahon Stadium Society, Sport Calgary and The City. Each organization recognizes that collaboration will be critical to the successful redevelopment of the athletic park and partnership discussions are ongoing.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

That Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Advisory Committee receive this report and a presentation into the Corporate Record.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

On 2019 May 27, Council received FRA2019-0628 Program Overview and Update, endorsed the Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Advisory Committee Work Plan, and approved the capital budget to implement the work plan.

On 2019 February 25, Council approved C2019-0274 Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Assessment Committee terms of reference, with the first scheduled meeting of the Committee on 2019 March 19.

BACKGROUND

A multisport fieldhouse has been identified as a top priority in several City strategic plans, including the 10-Year Strategic Plan for Sport Facility Development and Enhancement (2008) and the Culture, Parks and Recreation Infrastructure Investment Plan (CPRIIP 2013-2022).

A new fieldhouse for Calgary has been extensively studied over the past decade, from several different and emerging perspectives including Calgary Recreation, a private-sector proposal, and an Olympic bid exploration. Whether the impetus has been community recreation, competitive athletics, new proposals, or major international events, all analyses have concluded that Foothills Athletic Park is the right location and that the Foothills Fieldhouse, as envisioned to date, would benefit Calgarians.

Earlier this year, FAPRAC was formed to assess the redevelopment potential of the lands located at Foothills Athletic Park and to pursue options for a funding framework and partnership opportunities. An important advisory responsibility of FAPRAC is to examine how the fieldhouse

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fits within a larger context and examine how the Foothills Athletic Park can be redeveloped to benefit multiple stakeholders.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Program - Roadmap

The redevelopment roadmap is the starting point for a future vision of the Foothills Athletic Park and McMahon Stadium Lands. The intent is for all stakeholders to use the redevelopment roadmap as the guide to understand how the program is organized, know what needs to be done, and determine when and how to get involved.

The redevelopment roadmap outlines the following mission for the program: To create a community vision and plan for the Foothills Athletic Park and McMahon Stadium Lands, that integrates with surrounding areas and meets Calgarians' recreation goals and the long-term aspirations. The Roadmap is provided in Attachment 1.

In September, the FAPRAC Working Group directed that a Request for Proposals for the Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Plan (RFP) be prepared. The RFP details the required engagement of a qualified consultant team to provide planning, design, and initial engineering services. The redevelopment plan exercise has the following primary activities: preliminary investigation, initial consultation, technical data collection and engagement/master planning. A selection committee comprised of FAPRAC members will contract a consultant team in Q1 2020. The redevelopment plan will be prepared throughout 2020, with a final master plan scheduled for committee and Council presentation in Q1 2021.

Fieldhouse Project - Roadmap

The fieldhouse roadmap provides rationale for why the Foothills fieldhouse is needed and how it aligns with municipal goals and plans. The roadmap also guiding principles, objectives, project governance, project team structure, work approach and schedule.

The fieldhouse roadmap outlines the following vision: To maximize facility options to serve all Calgarians with competition capable facilities to accommodate recreation and sport participation from introductory level to high performance. The intent is for the Foothills Fieldhouse to respond to an urgent demand for indoor, year-round training and play amenities. The Foothills Fieldhouse Project Roadmap is provided in Attachment 2.

In September, the FAPRAC Working Group directed that Administration work through the Request for Standing Offer (RFSO) process to engage consultant(s) for upcoming design exercises (i.e. functional and accommodation programming, concept/schematic design, detailed design and contract documentation). The fieldhouse concept design is schedule for completion in Q1 2020, to coincide with the completion of the redevelopment plan.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

The Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Advisory Committee is comprised of primary stakeholders, including representatives from The City, the University of Calgary, the McMahon Stadium Society, and Sport Calgary. Administration continues to meet with these stakeholders to gather and share information. The primary stakeholders remain fully committed to FAPRAC and it's work plan.

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Strategic Alignment

City Policy

The Fieldhouse Project and the Park Redevelopment Program align with the 2019-2022 Service Plans and Budgets in the following ways.

A city of safe and inspiring neighbourhoods. This area would become a community hub that leverages existing partnerships and City facilities. It would also contribute to the economic, social and cultural needs of communities and integrate facilities.

A healthy and green city. The fieldhouse and redevelopment program would provide recreation opportunities that are accessible, affordable and inclusive. It would create public spaces that connect people.

A well-run city. The fieldhouse and redevelopment program would intentionally invest in infrastructure and assets that support our service delivery and contribute to the quality of life for Calgarians.

Community Partners

There continues to be substantial alignment among The City, the University of Calgary, and the McMahon Stadium Society. Each organization is prepared to consider each others' program needs. At this stage, all parties want to investigate which organization is best positioned to leverage and drive capital funding, operating support and utilization.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

The Foothills Fieldhouse and Foothills Athletic Park redevelopment is anticipated to have a positive economic impact including local employment creation and gross domestic product growth.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

There are no current and future operating budget impacts associated with this program update report. Operating budget impacts will be identified in upcoming reports, when full capital funding is secured.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

The Foothills Fieldhouse Project has an approved capital budget of \$19 million in 2019-2020 (funded by off-site levies) within the Recreation business unit and \$775 thousand in 2019-2020 (funded by Pay-As-You-Go held within program 888-capital budget savings) for the Foothills Park Redevelopment Program. There are no current and future capital budget impacts associated with this program update report.

Risk Assessment

There are no risks identified for this program update report.

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REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Advisory Committee terms of reference specify that the committee provide Council with quarterly status updates. This is the update report for Q4 2019.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Roadmap
2. Foothills Fieldhouse Project Roadmap