

**Deputy City Manager's Office Report to  
Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Advisory Committee  
2020 May 26**

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**Program Update**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report updates Council on the work of the Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Advisory Committee (FAPRAC).

Consistent with the work plan, the Foothills Park Redevelopment Program and the Foothills Fieldhouse Project are proceeding concurrently. In December 2019, a request for proposals (RFP) to prepare the overall Foothills Park Redevelopment Plan was posted for submissions following the last committee meeting. The selection process is complete and we are in the process of preparing to finalize the contract negotiations with the successful proponent.

The Administration is also recommending a revision to the FAPRAC Committee Terms of Reference. The Administration recommends changing the FAPRAC reporting schedule to Council from the current four times per year to two times per year. As the FAPRAC committee is only scheduled to meet once more this year, and we anticipate some changes to the original schedule and timelines that were anticipated for the concept planning and stakeholder and public engagement for the Redevelopment Plan, the two additional reporting dates are not necessary at this time.

In addition, Administration is also recommending that budget funding for the FAPRAC Master Planning work program be transferred from Recreation (Community Services) to Real Estate & Development Service (Deputy City Manager's Office). This is a housekeeping change to simplify accounting but requires Council approval per a recommendation from Finance.

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Advisory Committee recommends that Council:

1. Amend the Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Advisory Committee Terms of Reference reporting schedule from the current four times per year to twice yearly; and
2. That Council transfer the budget for the Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Plan work program from Recreation (Community Services) to Real Estate & Development Service (Deputy City Manager's Office).

**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).

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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.

In early 2019, 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 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 Request for Proposals

In September 2019, 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.

In December 2019, FAPRAC approved the Request for Proposals to lead the Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Master Plan process. The RFP was posted in December 2019 and closed for submissions on 2020 January 30. FAPRAC received eight submissions from consultant teams lead by local Calgary firms. An evaluation team was struck by the FAPRAC committee to review the submissions and select the successful consultant team for the project. The evaluation team was made up of three representative members of the FAPRAC committee and one member of Administration.

The consultant selected to lead the Redevelopment Master Plan process is expected to commence work in June 2020.

The redevelopment plan will be prepared throughout 2020-2021, with a final master plan scheduled for Committee and Council presentation in Q2/Q3 2021.

#### 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 its 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 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. Administration is recommending that the \$775 thousand budget funding for the Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Program be transferred from Recreation to Real Estate & Development Services per a recommendation from Finance.

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### Risk Assessment

There are no risks identified for this program update report.

### REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Advisory Committee Terms of Reference specify that the Committee provide Council with updates. This is the first of two anticipated reports in 2020 subject to an amendment of the Terms of Reference.

### ATTACHMENT(S)

None