

Multisport Fieldhouse Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council:

1. Establish the Multisport Fieldhouse Committee by giving three readings to the proposed Multisport Fieldhouse Committee Bylaw 8M2023 (Attachment 2);
2. Appoint Members of Council and a Chair to the Multisport Fieldhouse Committee for terms expiring at the 2023 Organizational Meeting of Council;
3. Appoint Public Members and members of Administration to the Multisport Fieldhouse Committee for terms expiring at the 2023 Organizational Meeting of Council, as set out in Confidential Attachment 3;
4. Schedule a 2023 March 1, 1:00 p.m. Multisport Fieldhouse Committee Meeting; and
5. Direct that closed meeting discussions and Confidential Attachments 3 and 4 remain confidential pursuant to Sections 17 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) and 19 (Confidential evaluations) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

HIGHLIGHTS

- On 2023 January 24, Council authorized a committee to focus on advancing a multisport fieldhouse facility and disbanded the former Foothills Athletic Park Redevelopment Assessment Committee (FAPRAC).
- The proposed Bylaw establishes a committee focused on advancing the fieldhouse.
- The proposed committee will build on work achieved by FAPRAC to solidify the vision for the athletic park and advocate for capital funding to build the fieldhouse.
- What does this mean to Calgarians? The fieldhouse will help meet the needs of Calgary's sport and recreation community while raising Calgary's profile as a destination for national and international events and competitions.
- Why does this matter? In addition to serving the broader community, the fieldhouse will provide additional training and competition space. It will contribute to Calgary's gross domestic product and create jobs through construction and operation. Once built, it will contribute to economic activity through sport tourism.
- Background and Previous Council Direction is included as Attachment 1.

DISCUSSION

The need for additional indoor sport and recreation space in Calgary is well-known. Several studies and strategic planning documents point to the need for a facility that can accommodate year-round practice and play. In 2021, a Social Return on Investment analysis indicated high social returns linked to the fieldhouse. The facility also has the potential to spur economic activity through sport tourism and elevate Calgary's profile as a destination for training and competition.

The proposed Multisport Fieldhouse Committee will advance the fieldhouse project through dedicated advocacy and planning to bring the concept to a shovel-ready state in the short-term. It will establish a network of subject matter experts and public representatives who will move the project forward while creating momentum for future redevelopment of Foothills Athletic Park.

Bylaw to Establish the Multisport Fieldhouse Committee

With the disbandment of FAPRAC, Administration recommends the establishment of a new Multisport Fieldhouse Committee through the proposed Bylaw in Attachment 2. The proposed Bylaw contains the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

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Terms in the proposed Bylaw provide a governance structure for the Committee’s work. It provides the mandate and composition of the Committee to support strategic alignment with The City’s long-term goals for the fieldhouse and include recommendations for public members. Administration appointments are included in Confidential Attachment 3.

The City Clerk’s Office received expressions of interest from Members of Council in appointment to the proposed Committee as set out in Confidential Attachment 4.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public engagement was undertaken | <input type="checkbox"/> Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public/interested parties were informed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public communication or engagement was not required |

IMPLICATIONS

Social, Environmental and Economic

The proposed Multisport Fieldhouse Committee will provide oversight and recommendations to Council that align with and support realization of the social, environmental and economic goals of the fieldhouse project, including optimizing community benefit, minimizing environmental impacts and leveraging the project as a catalyst for economic activity and future investment.

Service and Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the Committee. It will be the responsibility of Administration to manage municipal funding earmarked for the fieldhouse and pursue funding strategies through advocacy and partnership.

RISK

At this initial stage, risks will be mitigated through clear Terms of Reference for the Committee that identify the role and purpose of the Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Background and Previous Council Direction
2. Bylaw 8M2023 – Multisport Fieldhouse Committee Bylaw
3. CONFIDENTIAL – Administration Appointments
4. CONFIDENTIAL – Member of Council Expressions of Interest
5. Presentation

Department Circulation

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform
David Duckworth, City Manager	City Manager’s Office	Consult
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