

**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON CANADA
GAMES POOL / CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY
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COMMUNITY CENTRE**

August 19, 2019 at 12:30 pm.

With immediate adjournment to Closed Meeting

Regular Meeting reconvened immediately following the Closed Meeting

City Hall Council Chambers Meeting Room

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Cote (Chairperson)

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy

Councillor Patrick Johnstone

STAFF:

Ms. Lisa Spitale	- Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Dean Gibson	- Director of Parks & Recreation
Mr. Jim Lowrie	- Director of Engineering
Mr. Steve Kellock	- Sr. Manager of Recreation Services and Facilities
Ms. Colleen Ponzini	- Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Don Driedger	- Manager, Major Projects
Ms. Emilie Adin	- Director of Development Services
Ms. Denise Tambellini	- Manager, Intergovernmental and Community Relations

GUESTS:

Mr. Geoff Watson, Turnbull Construction Project Managers

Mr. Paul Fast, HCMA Architects + Design

Ms. Alexandra Kenyon, HCMA Architects + Design

The meeting was called to order at 12:38 p.m.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

1. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Canada Games Pool / Centennial Community Centre immediately following the Regular Meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Canada Games Pool / Centennial Community Centre on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter:

- (k) *negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;*

Purpose of the meeting:

Consideration of provision of new municipal service.

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

2. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Mayor's Task Force on Canada Games Pool / Centennial Community Centre in Open Session be adjourned and proceed to Closed Session.

CARRIED.

All members of Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR TASK FORCE

3. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regular Mayor's Task Force on Canada Games Pool / Centennial Community Centre be reconvened in City Hall Council Chambers Meeting Room at 2:18 pm.

CARRIED.

All members of Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Urgent/time sensitive matters only

4. **No Items**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. No Items

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

6. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Minutes of the Mayor's Task Force on CGP/CCC meeting held June 26th, 2019 be adopted and circulated.

CARRIED.

All members of Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS FOR ACTION

6. **New Westminster Aquatic and Community Centre Design Update:** Ali Kenyon, HCMA Architecture + Design, Geoff Watson, Turnbull Construction Project Managers (oral report)

Ms. Kenyon provided members an overview of the presentation and updated the group on design updates that have taken place.

- Currently HCMA is producing high resolution renderings. The renderings were presented to the group along with the design updates that have taken place.
- HCMA provided background on the design updates for the gymnasium. These features were an additional outcome from the research trip. While the project team visited various facilities, they observed innovative play spaces such as pop up courts, multi-functional basketball courts, literacy elements incorporated into play structures, and play areas with trampolines recessed into sidewalks. Multiuse hard outdoor play areas and multiuse gymnasiums were popular throughout the cities that were visited.
- Another beneficial outcome from the research was the project team connecting with a non-profit organization called GAME. The organization has a multi-tiered approach targeting youth from the ages of 12-25 years old. There is almost a 50% female participation rate in the sports provided by GAME which is unheard of in North America. The model includes youth leadership and empowerment to engage peers to play and participate. This culminates in a large event each year that involves celebrities to promote play.

NWACC Gymnasia and North Plaza

- Given these learnings from the research trip, HCMA is incorporating this into the landscape and the gymnasia. The impact to the planning for NWACC is to maintain the organized sport in the west gym and to prioritize unstructured play in the east gym allowing for both indoor and outdoor play space. HCMA is also proposing a mezzanine/balcony area allowing for a different play space and informal spectator seating. The concept includes a bouldering wall underneath the balcony, with enough space for sport courts to remain on the playing surface.

Reception Centre Designation

- Currently the Centennial Community Centre is designated as a reception centre to support emergency social services under the City's Emergency Management plan. The project team proposes to have the future NWACC facility be designated as a reception centre as well. At the moment, NWACC has been designed to be "high structural importance" which exceeds the requirements for a reception centre designation. Taking into account the project budget and comparing the facility to similar ones in neighbouring communities, such as Grandview Heights pool in Surrey, which is built to "normal structural importance", the project team recommends proceeding with "normal structural importance" for NWACC as it continues to ensure the provision as a reception centre for ESS events. Staff has consulted with Fire Services to inform this recommendation.
- Fire department is working on revising the Emergency Social Services strategy. ESS has transitioned from Police Services to Fire Services.
- A question was raised as to what the cost difference between high and normal rating is. The specifics of that have not been completely determined but the costs are thought to be significant. The task force was also asked to note that the facility would not be considered to post seismic even in the "high structural importance" category. There is no impact to the intended use of the facility as an emergency reception centre regardless of which of the two designations are pursued.
- The project team was asked to research how this designation fits in with city's plans for emergency and business plans.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the project planning proceeds with Structural Importance Factor "Normal", which will provide for ESS Reception Centre functionality while ensuring the designation fits in with the City's plans for emergency situations and business plans.

CARRIED.

All members of Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

Dual Track Design

Mr. Watson provided members with an update regarding dual track design.

- A question was asked as to what the cost savings are and/or what the drawbacks are for the enhanced program. Mr. Watson informed the group that continuing to pursue the enhanced option right now does not have any drawbacks in regards to costs and scheduling. He presented that although there are no drawbacks, there is a potential for savings in the order of \$300,000-\$350,000 in addition to potential efficiencies to the schedule. These would be contingent on timing of grant announcement, and how far down into the dual track design process the project proceeds.
- A question arose regarding the status of the NWACC infrastructure grant. It was presented that no decisions have been made yet and that the project team has not been notified of a timeline regarding potential grant announcement.
- The decision about the dual track design will be referred to Council, to coincide with the grant funding announcement.

NEW BUSINESS

No Items

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 21, 2019 –Committee Room #2 at 9:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 pm.

Original Signed

Sonia Parmar
Recording Secretary

Original Signed

Jonathan Cote
Chairperson