



INFORMATION REPORT
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REPORT – INFORMATION REPORT #2017-08

TO: Committee of the Whole

SUBJECT: Follow up to Joint Community Services/Corporate Services Report 2017-06, Artificial Turf Field Additional Funding

ORIGIN: Colin Service, Director, Recreation & Culture

COMMENTS

At the May 8th, 2017 Committee of the Whole, there were a number of questions raised with respect to Joint Community Services/Corporate Services Report # 2017-06, Artificial Turf Field Additional Funding. This information report will serve to address these questions.

Funding Arrangement

In the agreement between the Town and the York Region District School Board (YRDSB), it stipulates that all costs related to the construction of the Artificial Turf Field are to be split 50/50. These additional costs requested in the report are the Town's share of expenses as per that agreement. YRDSB will be paying equally.

Tendered Pricing

At the time that the initial budget was proposed, staff from the Town and YRDSB reviewed past projects and added an escalator figure recognizing that costs do go up in the construction industry. However, design of artificial turf fields is a progressive and rapidly changing industry. The technology has changed substantially from what has been previously built by YRDSB. These technological improvements will create a safer playing experience and is expected to lengthen the life cycle of an artificial turf field. However, these improvements do come at a higher cost that could only be determined once the construction bids were submitted. The bid chosen was the lowest of a number of bids.

Development Charge Impact

As was discussed at Committee of the Whole, the Town has the flexibility to change projects funded by Development Charges as long as they fall within the same broad based category ie. outdoor recreation projects. In reviewing the Development Charges currently collected and anticipated within the timeframe of the existing study, funding these additional expenses for the artificial turf field will not impact any outdoor recreation projects planned or anticipated through the term of this development charge study and the Recreation Playbook (2025).

In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any Member of Council may make a request to the Town Clerk that this Information Report be placed on an upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion .

BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES

Living Well

- Emphasis on active lifestyles and recreational opportunities

Well Balanced

- Recreational facilities and services
- Events that help shape identity and contribute to community spirit

BUDGET IMPACT

Additional funding would be obtained through development charges.

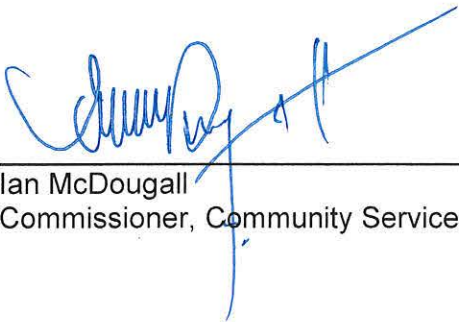
All operating expenses have already been addressed through the operating budget.

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