

TO: Her Worship Mayor Nicole Read
and Members of Council

MEETING DATE: November 07, 2016
FILE NO:

FROM: Chief Administrative Officer

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SUBJECT: Maple Ridge Civic and Cultural Facility – Detailed Design Process

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Government of Canada is committed to funding community infrastructure to assist in building strong, inclusive and sustainable communities by increasing infrastructure funding over the next ten years. Funding details for the 2017 infrastructure grant intakes have not been announced at this point; typically grant application criteria focuses on ‘shovel ready’ projects that have design, detailed costing and funding mechanisms in place. To this end, staff is recommending the City undertake a detailed design process for the proposed Maple Ridge Civic and Cultural Facility, which Council has identified as a priority for grant funding. Detailed design, accurate costing and a “shovel ready” project will convey Council’s commitment and will increase the likelihood of securing Federal and Provincial Infrastructure Funding.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That staff be directed to bring back a report outlining a funding source for the detailed design process; AND,
2. Once a funding source has been identified, staff issue a request for proposals to conduct a detailed design process for the Maple Ridge Civic and Cultural Facility for an estimated cost of \$2,196,060.

DISCUSSION:

a) Background Context:

May 2, 2016, Council directed staff to prepare concept designs and high level costing estimates for proposed Parks, Recreation & Culture facilities to be brought to the public for consultation. The estimated capital costs based on concepts for the Civic Facility, Parkade and Youth Wellness components are estimated to be \$18,300,500. Detailed design fees for projects of this nature typically range from 10 – 12% of construction value or approximately \$2,196,060.

July 25, 2016, Council directed staff to issue a request for proposals to conduct a comprehensive community consultation process using concept designs and costing estimates to ensure City Council has the information it needs to move some or all of the facility projects forward. Once the public consultation process is complete the concept plans and a summation of all feedback received will be brought back to Council in the first quarter of 2017. This

information will assist Council to reconfirm the priorities that will be brought to the public for borrowing approval.

October 17, 2016, Council carried a resolution authorizing the Mayor and staff to travel to Ottawa to meet with Federal Ministers about funding opportunities related to the Maple Ridge Civic and Cultural facility.

October 24 & 25, 2016, Mayor Nicole Read and staff went to Ottawa to meet with Cabinet Ministers and key staff from a number of Government Ministries to request financial support and leadership to advance Council's number one priority, the proposed Civic and Cultural Facility in downtown Maple Ridge. They took the opportunity to showcase a prepared video in a number of face to-face meetings with members of cabinet and key leaders in Ottawa.

A positive reception was received, along with solid advice on how to move forward with the Civic Centre proposal regarding the next steps as we move from a concept to develop a tight business plan.

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Meetings were held with the following Ministers:

- Minister Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure & Communities
- Minister Duclos, Minister of Families, Children & Social Development
- Minister Bennett, Minister of Indigenous & Northern Affairs
- MP Adam Vaughan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Intergovernmental Affairs)
- Brittany Kerr, British Columbia Desk to the Prime Minister
- MP Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary to Families, Children & Social Development
- Nicholas Kang from the Ministry of Sports & Persons with Disabilities

At the end of the two day visit there was also the opportunity to meet briefly with the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister noted that his Ministers had been speaking about the video presentation that was shown at each of the meetings and that he looked forward to viewing it himself in the coming days.

What emerged as a clear consensus from these meetings was that the design development of the Civic Centre project requires further clarity to both ensure it is "shovel ready" for the next round of grant funding applications and to properly identify the many different streams of funding possibilities that the project may qualify for.

To move forward with this project and ensure the best opportunities to secure Provincial and Federal funding partnerships staff is recommending that we proceed with detail design work for the project. This is an expensive process but is necessary to achieve any hope of securing other government funding. This process will also clarify stakeholder requirements related to their operational needs. In particular, the museum and archives component of this project requires an investment in reviewing options associated with clarifying current and future needs of such a service delivery. To assist with this assessment staff further recommends that a consultant be

retained as part of the detailed design process to lead this stakeholder review with museum and city representatives.

b) Desired Outcome:

To provide enough information and demonstrate a high level of confidence in our costing estimates to secure Provincial and Federal infrastructure funding for the Maple Ridge Civic and Cultural Centre. To complete the detailed design process to ensure the identified project is “shovel ready” and meets Provincial/Federal grant requirements.

c) Strategic Alignment:

The project identified in this report aligns with recommendations in the Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan adopted by Council in 2010. Building a stronger federal-municipal relationship is essential for our community to develop and fund community infrastructure needs. In addition, Maple Ridge's presence in Ottawa made a significant impact in raising our profile and developing a meaningful relationship with Federal Government leaders.

d) Citizen/Customer Implications:

Parks, Recreation & Culture infrastructure supports citizens in maintaining healthy lifestyles through their participation in sport, recreation, arts, and culture in venues that allow them to connect with their neighbours and communities of common interest. Funding partnerships help address local and regional infrastructure needs while reducing costs for regional and local governments.

e) Interdepartmental Implications:

Various departments provide support to Community Development, Parks and Recreation in these processes including Planning, Engineering, Building, Clerks, Communications and Finance.

f) Business Plan/Financial Implications:

Proceeding with the detailed design is a significant cost but is necessary to achieve any hope of securing other government funding. The estimated cost to complete the detailed design process for the Maple Ridge Civic and Cultural Centre, Youth Wellness Centre and underground Parking is approximately \$2,196,060.

When the parks and recreation infrastructure prioritization process is complete, the resulting priority projects will need to be incorporated into both Capital and Operating Budgets. In the 2016 business planning process Mr. Gill, General Manager of Corporate and Financial Services presented Council with a sample strategy that could be used to invest up to \$110M in parks, recreation and cultural amenities over the next four years. Applying for available grant opportunities was contemplated as a component of the funding strategy. However, the final funding strategy will be refined to fit the prioritization and implementation schedule that Council establishes once the public consultation process is complete.

Currently the City does not have a funding source identified for the detailed design process, staff will need to identify a source and report back to Council.

CONCLUSION:

Significant emphasis has been placed on discussing Parks, Recreation & Cultural amenities over the past number of months. Council endorsement of the resolutions in this report will initiate a key step in the process necessary to secure grant funding for the Maple Ridge Civic and Cultural Facility project. The recommendations in this report will advance Council's priorities and designate this project as "shovel ready" to take advantage of available grant funding.

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