



CITY OF HAMILTON
COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Recreation Division

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	June 9, 2014
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Sir Allan MacNab Track and Sports Field Facility Upgrades (CES14025) (Ward 8)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 8
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SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the City of Hamilton negotiate and enter into a Licence Agreement with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) to refurbish the playing field and track facility located at Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School, located at 145 Magnolia Drive, Hamilton, Ontario for both school and community use, at a total cost of \$520,000 to be funded from Capital Project I.D. 4241209808, as per the Athletic Track layout design attached as Appendix "A" to Report CES14025A;
- (b) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board for the refurbishment and use of the Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School track and playing field facility, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and,
- (c) That the General Manager of Community & Emergency Services or designate be granted the delegated authority to approve any changes to the Licence Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board and to execute any related or ancillary documentation as may be required to give effect thereto, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There is a derelict track and field complex contained within the grounds of the Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School, located at 145 Magnolia Drive, Hamilton, Ontario. The property currently has an asphalt running oval surrounding a natural grass playing surface, both of which are in poor condition and not adequate for competitive events.

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The playing surface and running oval have been utilized by both the students of Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School and the general public. General ongoing maintenance is provided by the HWDSB and minimal programming of the spaces is provided by both the city and HWDSB. The site has gradually fallen into a state of disrepair and became unsuitable for competitive soccer, football, field hockey, track and field and other competitive athletic programs.

Staff are recommending that the city enter into an agreement with the HWDSB to refurbish and redesign the existing complex at Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School, for both student and community use. A total of \$520,000 has been allocated through the Ward 8 Area Rating Fund to offset the costs of the refurbishment (Capital Project I.D. 4241209808). The HWDSB will provide the land space and has committed \$200,000 toward the project.

The design being considered is to construct a competition level, four lane track and full size natural grass football field on the existing footprint to accommodate a wide range of programming.

Upon completion of the project, the HWDSB will have exclusive use of the site during school hours throughout the academic year (September to June) and the general public will have permitted access outside of the hours reserved for school use. Recreation staff will manage the permitting requirements during allocated times outside of the HWDSB's reserved hours. The HWDSB will provide ongoing general maintenance of the complex.

The partnership will provide the City of Hamilton with additional recreational assets that have been identified as a particular need in Ward 8. Additionally, the partnership will provide the HWDSB with the opportunity to enhance their current physical education offerings to their students.

Alternatives for Consideration – None

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: The City of Hamilton has approved \$520,000 for the refurbishment of the site, including design and construction costs. The funding has been allocated within the Ward 8 Area Rating Fund.

The HWDSB will contribute \$200,000 towards the renovation, offsetting the total city contribution for a net total of \$320,000.

The current revenue generated from rentals of the existing field is approximately \$1,200 per year. The City of Hamilton does not currently maintain this site and directs no finances to any capital or ongoing costs.

Staffing: There are no staffing implications associated with Report CES14025.

Legal: There are no legal implications associated with Report CES14025.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Recreation Division undertook an Outdoor Recreation Facilities & Sport Field Provision Plan (Outdoor Study; November 2011) to provide a sustainable strategy for managing outdoor sports fields and other outdoor community-use recreational infrastructure such as tennis courts, outdoor multi-purpose courts, skate parks, etc. The Outdoor Study indicated that the city should investigate the addition of facilities designed for football activities.

In 2013, after the closure of Brian Timmis Field, the City of Hamilton was in need of additional high quality facilities for competitive football, soccer, field hockey, etc. Various sports including soccer and football were shifted to different locations in the city and it became apparent that there was a need for additional facilities. The specific demand was for football specific facilities as many current sports fields were designed for soccer while a small number of fields have amenities designed for both.

HWDSB's interest in refurbishing and reconstructing the football and track facility at Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School will provide the city with an opportunity to partner with the HWDSB to redesign and develop a higher quality sport facility and will assist in providing a space for competitive football play. This will also impact competitive soccer, field hockey and other sports by alleviating impacts of football play at other facilities which will allow for growth of those sports elsewhere.

Through the 2014 budget process, City Council approved a total of \$400,000 for the development of the football and track facility at Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School. This is in addition to the \$120,000 that was approved at General Issues Committee on August 13, 2012 for a total approval of \$520,000. The funding will be provided through the Ward 8 Area Rating Fund (2012 and 2014 contributions). The HWDSB has approved \$200,000 to offset City of Hamilton contributions making the net cost for the city \$320,000.

The Agreement will stipulate the usage of the track and fields for both the HWDSB and the City of Hamilton. The Agreement will also stipulate that city and HWDSB staff will meet on a regular basis to review the programming and operation of the facility to ensure that the facility is being utilized in a manner that maximizes the benefits to both parties.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Recreation staff, along with Legal Services, has consulted with HWDSB staff on the development of the agreement which includes the design, construction, access and programming terms and conditions. City Manager's Office, Legal Services is working with HWDSB Legal Services on terms for the agreement.

Public Works, Landscape Architectural Services (LAS) have been consulted and have been part of the design process. Public Works will take the lead in the contractor selection process in adherence with the City of Hamilton's procurement guidelines.

Staff consulted with Public Works Superintendent, Parks East, who noted there were no maintenance or associated historical costs for this site.

Staff consulted with Finance and Administration Manager within Corporate Services. Concern over ongoing costs associated with maintenance as well as programming were expressed. These items have been clarified within the report.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONAL FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Agreement provides the city and HWDSB with an opportunity to leverage a partnership that will build sport capacity and create additional opportunities for participation in sport. The redevelopment of a football specific facility and track surface also supports the trends and recommendations of the Outdoor Facilities and Sports Field Provision Plan study.

The revitalization of the facility will provide a high quality recreational asset to the students and teachers of Sir Allan MacNab Secondary School and enhance options for physical activity during school hours. The enhanced site will also provide needed competition spaces for other activities after school hours such as football and track and field, both of which are deficient in quality, program specific spaces city-wide.

The Agreement will enhance accountability related to a shared asset by detailing:

- The roles and responsibilities of the parties;
- The funding contributions to be made by the city and the HWDSB for the refurbishment and ongoing maintenance;
- Use and access of the licensed premises;
- The payment of regular fees such as utilities by the HWDSB;
- Maintenance of the property by the HWDSB;
- Construction requirements, times, and parameters;
- Data to be collected so that performance measures can be developed;
- Insurance and indemnification requirements;
- Reporting requirements; and,
- City and HWDSB policies that must be adhered to during facility use.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2012 – 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Priority #1

A Prosperous & Healthy Community

WE enhance our image, economy and well-being by demonstrating that Hamilton is a great place to live, work, play and learn.

Strategic Objective

- 1.2 Continue to prioritize capital infrastructure projects to support managed growth and optimize community benefit.
- 1.5 Support the development and implementation of neighbourhood and city wide strategies that will improve the health and well-being of residents.

Strategic Priority #2

Valued & Sustainable Services

WE deliver high quality services that meet citizen needs and expectations, in a cost effective and responsible manner.

Strategic Objective

- 2.3 Enhance customer service satisfaction.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" to Report CES14025 – Design and Site Plan for Sir Allan MacNab