



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 8, 2015
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (Indoor Study) Phase 1 Update (ECS07068(c)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Council Direction:

On September 3, 2008, Council received the Use, Renovation and Replacement Study of Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (Report ECS07068(b)) with the following direction:

That staff be directed to review and update those recommendations made in Option 4 – the Strategic Renewal and New Construction strategy, as shown on pages 137-156 of the Use, Renovation and Replacement Study of Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (attached as Appendix A (pages 137-156) to Report 08-011), every five years and recommend changes, as necessary.

The Use, Renovation and Replacement Study of Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (Indoor Study), identified factors impacting the use and condition of current facilities, and examined future facility needs. The Indoor Study also proposed a series of recommendations for the future renewal, repurposing, and development of Community/Recreation Centres, Indoor Pools, Seniors Centres, Arenas, Community Halls, and Outdoor Pools.

As per Council direction, staff are proceeding with a scoped update for this study.

Information

The City has made good progress with a number of the Indoor Study's recommendations, while others have proved to be more challenging for a variety of reasons. The Indoor Study update will provide Council with a current framework to guide future facility investment decisions. Council approved funding of \$50,000 for Phase 1 of the update in the 2015 Capital budget.

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Phase 1 of the update, to be completed in collaboration with Montieth Brown Planning Consultants (MBPC), will seek to understand the key trends and factors that have changed since the 2008 Indoor Study was prepared. This will be accomplished largely through engagement with the public and facility user stakeholders, as well as tracking the status of the original study recommendations.

Key deliverables that form the Indoor Study Phase 1 Update are:

a) Random Sample Telephone Survey

A household survey will be conducted by MBPC of 801 randomly selected households within Hamilton. A similar survey was conducted in 2007. The 2015 survey responses will provide statistical data for analysis on information such as participation patterns, barriers to use, recreation priorities and willingness to travel.

Timing- November 2015

b) Indoor Recreation User Group Survey

As part of the 2008 Indoor Study indoor recreation user groups (e.g. sports associations, leagues, teams, senior clubs, service clubs, and social service organizations) were surveyed to gather user information. As part of the Indoor Study Phase 1 Update, user groups will be engaged in a similar capacity to capture information on needs, use and changes.

Timing- December 2015/January 2016

c) Public Information Centres (PIC)

In 2008, as part of the original study, four (4) community input workshop/focus sessions were held in the community. For the Indoor Study Phase 1 Update, a minimum of four (4) open houses will be hosted. These PIC's will help staff to understand, identify and confirm indoor recreation facility use, need, and priorities.

Timing- January/February 2016

d) Key Informant Interviews

A series of key informant interviews will be conducted by City staff to further inform the update. These will include members of Council and key staff members.

Timing- December 2015/January-February 2016

e) Indoor Study Recommendation Status Updates (Report Card)

The original Indoor Study provided strategic recommendations for renewal and new construction. A status update for the Indoor Study recommendations will be prepared to show:

- Recommendation status both short term and long term
- Recommendations completed
- Recommendations in progress
- Recommendations requiring further review
- Updated support mapping
- Update/review of socio-economic and population growth profiles

Timing- December 2015

Note: A separate strategy relative to the outdoor parks facilities and sports field was prepared in 2011 and is not part of this initial scope of work.

Next Steps

An Indoor Study Phase 1 report will be prepared Q2-2016 that captures the findings and themes from the community engagement data, status update and inventory summary. The information and recommendations from the first phase will provide Council with options to guide a Phase 2 analysis and timing. A Phase 2 draft will involve the development of a new strategy for the management and future provision of major recreation facilities.