



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	September 7, 2016
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Relocation of Canadian Football Hall of Fame (PW16075) (Ward 3) (Outstanding Business List Item)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 3
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Council Direction:

At the July 6, 2015 General Issues Committee meeting, staff was asked to provide a rendition of the proposed new Canadian Football Hall of Fame location at Tim Hortons Field.

Information:

This Information Report provides the latest update on the relocation plans of the new Canadian Football Hall (CFHOF) to the Tim Hortons Field location. In addition, concept drawings of the new Hall of Fame are attached hereto as Appendix A to Report PW16075.

City staff has been working with both the Canadian Football League (CFL) and the Canadian Football Hall of Fame (CFHOF) in its transition and the reallocation to Tim Hortons Field. To date the City has issued the matching funds of \$25,000 to assist with the remainder of the transitional costs. Additionally, the City's Legal Services Division has executed the Transfer Agreement that will replace the past agreement which will transfer all rights, title and interest from CFHOF to the CFL. Staff is now in the process of finalizing the Operations Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the CFL in order to define operating terms and responsibilities at Tim Hortons Field. The City will continue to provide storage facilities in the basement of 58 Jackson Street West building location for the CFHOF artifacts & archives that will not be housed at the Tim Hortons Field location.

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The architectural designs are in the process of being finalized and once completed appropriate approvals and building permits will be issued to begin the construction of the CFHOF at the Tim Hortons Field site.

It was planned that the new Canadian Football Hall of Fame would coincide with this year's Hall of Fame game scheduled for September 16th, 2016 but due the timing of the final agreements, detailed plans and the timelines to construct, the original schedule for final completion of the project will be moved to a later date.

It is anticipated that some aspects of the project may be completed prior to the Hall of Fame game on September 16, 2016 but the actual Hall of Fame pavilion space referred to as "Legends Row - Walkway", (see attached - Appendix A pages 3-6 to Report PW16075) will not be part of this initial work but rather will be the final phase to the relocation scheduled for a later date.

The new CFHOF plans to incorporate a prominent, fixed display area within Tim Hortons Field for the presentation of the CFHOF's Legends Row featuring statues of Hall of Fame members' busts, plaques and associated achievements. The stadium will also have a prominent display in the premium entrance, Gate 3 highlighting the Grey Cup and its proud CFL history (See attached; pages 2-4). The press box at Tim Hortons Field will honour the members who are or were Hall of Fame inductees of the media, enhanced with related photos, plaques and related information (See attached; pages 9-10).

The "Touchdown" Statue currently located outside of the building at 58 Jackson Street West will also be reallocated to Tim Horton's Field and a commemorative plaque will be displayed at Tim Hortons Field acknowledging the City of Hamilton's significant contribution to the new Canadian Football Hall of Fame.

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