

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Committee: March 21, 2017

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR FARR

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Re: Eastwood Precinct

WHEREAS, needed upgrades at Eastwood Arena are estimated at an approximate cost of \$3.0 million dollars (design and construction) and a *major* renovation of the facility is estimated to be approximately \$6.5 – \$7.0 million dollars (design and construction);

WHEREAS, future redevelopment of nearby City Housing Hamilton (CHH) property may include the need for temporary relocation of current tenants; many of whom have shared via a CHH survey that they wish to remain in the North End neighbourhood during redevelopment;

WHEREAS, future development on Pier 8 lands may consist of approximately 1500 residential units and parking is desired in the form of a parkade verses surface parking;

WHEREAS, preventing neighbourhood cut-through traffic resulting from new waterfront development is the basis of the North End Traffic Management Plan;

WHEREAS, utilization of two small ball diamonds at Eastwood Park (to the north west of the arena) is very low with use only on Tuesdays throughout the summer and two community events bookings for 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Pier 8 development draft plan includes a 30m wide promenade park along the perimeter (pier) equating to a net gain of new North End parkland adjacent to the Eastwood Arena and Park of approximately 152,500 sq. ft.;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That appropriate staff from Planning and Economic Development be requested to engage with the Ward 2 Councillor and North End Community on what potential may exist that would provide for needed upgrades at Eastwood Arena by contemplating a development partnership that may include the creation of new housing opportunities and a public parkade on the north-westerly portion of Eastwood Park and Arena.