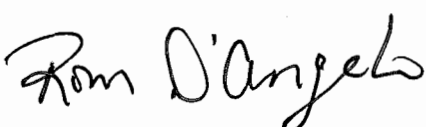
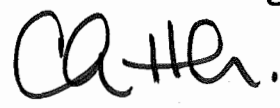




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## INFORMATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	September 25, 2018
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	The Dundas J.L. Grightmire Arena
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Wards 13 and 15
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Rome D'Angelo Director, Energy, Fleet & Facilities Management Public Works  Chris Herstek Director, Recreation Healthy & Safe Communities
<b>SIGNATURES:</b>	 

The Dundas J.L. Grightmire Arena is the oldest and one of the most visited hockey arenas in the city. Community interest in renovating the facility began in 2010 when the community won the national Hockeyville contest, receiving \$100,000 toward completion of renovations. In 2016, Council approved the remainder of the \$7 million capital investment in the facility.

In response to community interest and to help ensure hockey teams using the arena would only miss one season in their home arena, the renovation project was planned using an expedited schedule. The tight timeline, while difficult, was deemed possible by City staff, the architect, and the contractor working on the project. Renovations on the facility began in the fall of 2017.

Upon starting the project, the contractor had agreed to a substantial performance date of September 7, 2018 which would allow for the arena users to return for their 2018 season. However, the contractor has been unable to meet that deadline and unfortunately is going to be unable to meet the revised deadlines. On Monday,

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September 25, City staff learned of new delays to critical systems which will push completion of the project out by a minimum of five weeks, until at least the week of November 13, 2018.

Recreation staff are working with the Dundas hockey teams to ensure their schedule is fully accommodated at other arenas. Every effort is being made to lessen the impact on the hockey groups in Dundas, starting with annual fees, which Council will consider waiving at its meeting of September 26<sup>th</sup>, in light of the impact of ongoing construction delays. Plans have been made to move all activities scheduled at Dundas J.L. Grightmire Arena in the fall of 2018 to alternate venues until January 2019.

City staff anticipate an updated construction schedule from the contractor by Thursday, October 4, 2018, which will outline their plan to address the delays to critical systems, including final hook-ups for sewer, water and gas, replacement of the existing sprinkler components and lines, paving in the parking lot and fire access, installation of exterior brick on the addition, completion of the glass windows and glass curtain walls, mechanical and electrical fixtures, exterior site grading, concrete curb installation, and painting and finishes.

Despite agreeing to the expedited schedule, the contractor has attributed delays to a number of external factors including nine extreme heat days and 15 extreme cold days, and delays in the delivery of a custom HVAC unit.

City staff have been working with the contractor to facilitate the completion of the contract.

Staff are disappointed that the project will not be completed within the committed to timelines and that we will not be able to take occupancy as anticipated and have our user groups on the ice in October 2018.

Over the coming months, City staff will continue to work with community stakeholders and the contractor. Staff will provide Council with a further update in December 2018.