

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Public Works Committee: September 8, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Investment in Victoria Park Pool, 100 Strathcona Avenue North, Hamilton (Ward 1)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton owned outdoor pool facilities in Ward 1 are maintained by Corporate Facilities & Energy Management Division, Public Works, and programmed through the Recreation Division, Healthy and Safe Communities;

WHEREAS, along with spray pads and wading pools, outdoor pools offer an important opportunity for cooling during heat alerts, and should continue to be supported in areas that need them most;

WHEREAS, the Recreation Master Plan (2022) provision model considers investment in outdoor pool locations in higher needs areas that are under-served, have growing child/youth populations and few backyard pool opportunities;

WHEREAS, the current Victoria Park outdoor pool and changeroom building are approaching the end of their respective lifecycles and are in need of major renewal;

WHEREAS, a redevelopment of the Victoria Park outdoor pool facility to accommodate accessible entries, shallower water for younger children, accessible change spaces and washrooms will draw more users to the site;

WHEREAS, the Recreation Master Plan (2022) identifies Victoria Park outdoor pool redevelopment as an outstanding recommendation of the Use, Renovation and Replacement Study for Hamilton Recreation and Public-Use Facilities (2008) and has prioritized this outdoor pool as the only site recommended for short term investment; and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study was previously conducted for the renewal of the Victoria Park outdoor pool and established three possible renovation options, one of which has been recommended by Recreation and Facility Staff and;

WHEREAS, the design phase will utilize 2024 capital budget funds with partial funding

from the Ward 1 Capital Re-Investment Reserve.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the funding for the detailed design phase of the outdoor pool renewal and accessibility upgrades at Victoria Park, 100 Strathcona Avenue North, Hamilton, at a cost, including contingency, not to exceed \$750,000 (including partial financing from the Ward 1 Capital Re-Investment Reserve (108051)), be referred to the 2024 capital budget process for consideration; and
- (b) That Public Works staff be authorized and directed to retain a Prime Design Consultant in 2024, in accordance with Procurement By-Law 21-255, to undertake detailed design of the renewal and accessible upgrades of the outdoor pool and changeroom building at Victoria Park, 100 Strathcona Avenue North, Hamilton.