

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee Date: April 30, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. TADESON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Coordination of Current Infrastructure Projects to Support Glanbrook Arena and Proposed Recreation Centre

WHEREAS, a Feasibility Study (FS) was funded for the 2024 calendar year to assess construction details of a proposed Glanbrook Community Recreation Centre;

WHEREAS, in February 2024, a Glanbrook Arena and Recreation Facility Servicing Overview described steps to evaluate water and wastewater municipal servicing options for the Glanbrook Arena and the future Recreation Centre site identified as 4300 and 4280 Binbrook Road;

WHEREAS, as multiple PIC were conducted in November/December 2024 and as a result it was stated in a subsequent PIC in February 2025 that the Glanbrook Arena Property is now officially the preferred site for the New Recreation Centre and Indoor pool for Ward 11;

WHEREAS, Municipal water and wastewater servicing assessment work has not begun and is expected to be triggered through a specific request from Recreation staff once their higher level coordination strategy has been developed;

WHEREAS, there is current, ongoing, and planned residential, commercial, and institutional infrastructure development to the lands east of Glanbrook Arena;

WHEREAS, the proposed Glanbrook Community Recreation Centre is a vital municipal priority that directly impacts community well-being, economic development, and quality of life for Ward 11 residents and must be placed at the forefront of infrastructure planning and execution;

WHEREAS, failure to prioritize and integrate the Recreation Centre within ongoing and future developments risks inefficiencies, increased costs, and the potential for infrastructure misalignment, which could significantly delay or impede the project's progress; and,

WHEREAS, without prioritization, there are no guiding principles to direct various City departments working with current developers in the immediate area to ensure current and upcoming construction is completed in a cost-effective, synergistic manner that recognizes the importance of preplanning for connecting city water and sewers to the arena site, inclusive of the future recreation centre;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council identify the Glanbrook Community Recreation Centre as a municipal priority for Ward 11 and identify the preferred location for the new Recreation Centre, Indoor Pool, Gymnasium and walking track as the City-owned 27 acres at Glanbrook Arena;
- (b) That staff BE DIRECTED to complete the feasibility study and report back by Q3, 2025 including the following:
 - (i) an assessment of required municipal resourcing, servicing options, planning policy implications of different options, and legal implications for the preferred site;
 - (ii) An assessment of the impacts of reserving sufficient municipal capacity for the Recreation Centre from any future development proposals in Binbrook to prioritize the Recreation Centre; and,
 - (iii) an analysis of any future Official Plan Amendments that may be needed for the extension of services, notwithstanding that the extension of services does not comply with the Greenbelt Plan and the City's Rural Hamilton Official Plan, based on information available at this time; and,
- (c) That STAFF BE DIRECTED TO PRIORITIZE the new Glanbrook Recreation Centre, Indoor Pool, Gymnasium and Walking Track to be built on the preferred site, over other projects until staff report back to Council on the outcome of the feasibility study.