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**HWDSB/City of Hamilton Memorandum  
of Agreement in Stadium Precinct**

# Background

- February 27, 2013 – Council received request from HWDSB to partner on joint project at Scott Park
- March 20, 2013 – staff report to GIC. Direction given to enter into MoA with HWDSB and report back on funding options by July 31, 2013



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# HWDSB - Scott Park Site

- Cost of property acquisition and new secondary school building the full responsibility of HWDSB
- HWDSB has begun expropriation proceedings
- If the HWDSB cannot acquire the land then the City will not be proceeding with the joint facility at Scott Park



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# Why This Project is Important

- Joint construction provides for some cost savings for City (i.e. gymnasium)
- It supports recommendations from previous recreation studies (2008 report)
  - That priority investment occur for indoor pools and activity space for senior's and youth (further justified in lower city by demographics and usage)
  - That a large senior's centre be developed in the lower city with specific consideration given to the Scott Park area
  - Existing pool (Jimmy Thompson) is beyond normal lifespan and not fully accessible



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# Why This Project is Important

- It advances neighbourhood revitalization in the Precinct as described through engagement with residents and key stakeholders
- It builds on other investments
- It addresses needs beyond the immediate neighbourhood



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# Proposed Project Components

- New secondary school for approximately 1,250 students
- Community/Senior's Centre including:
  - A “two tank” pool – lanes and leisure
  - Senior's centre
  - Youth centre space
  - Dance/fitness space
  - Community/multipurpose rooms
  - Access to triple gym and other amenities in the school



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**SCOTT PARK**

- A senior sized soccer pitch for high school and community.
- Playground large enough for both senior and junior play activities.
- Shade trees
- Multi-use trails with interactive panels that tell the story of the site/neighbourhood.

# Funding Options

- Inherent challenge of developing funding options for \$17M project not part the City's capital plan
- Approach of staff was to “spread the funding pressure” across a number of budget areas
- In the report staff identify options to address \$9.45M of the costs
- Gap of \$7.55M remains with a number of options provided for filling that gap



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# Funding Recommendations

## \$9.45M

- Capital W.I.P. for Central City Senior's/Community facility - \$1.2M (already approved – March, 2013)
- Development Charges - \$3.4M
- Ward 3 Capital Reserve - \$0.5M
- 2010 OMPF Reconciliation - \$2.85M
  - Represents the Unallocated Capital Reserve portion of OMPF distribution as per Council approved policy on OMPF re-investment
- Council's Strategic Reserve - \$1.5M



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# Funding Options - \$7.55M Gap

- Future Fed/Prov Infrastructure Subsidies (prioritize this project)
- City Capital Levy
- Increase Council's Strategic Capital Reserve contribution
- Ward Area Capital Reserve
- Tax-Supported Discretionary Capital Block Funding
- Hamilton Future Fund
- HUC 2013 Special Dividend (\$2M)
- Balance of 2010 OMPF Reconciliation (\$2.85M)



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# Recommendations

- Confirm with the HWDSB that the City's funding commitment to the community/senior's centre component of the project is \$17M
- Approve the funding options
  - Approve the elements of the \$9.45M outlined in the report
  - Provide direction on remaining \$7.55M or direct staff to report back by March 31, 2014 on options for \$7.55M
- Outdoor space to be address through separate report (closed session)



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# Outdoor Recreation Space

- There is a general deficiency of park space in this area of the City
- Current and proposed construction requires City to address outdoor recreation space
- Stadium construction has eliminated Brian Timmis Stadium
- School/Community Centre construction would have some impact on space for baseball at Scott Park
- Options to address this issue will be discussed as part of report CM13014



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# Questions



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