

HWDSB/City of Hamilton Memorandum of Agreement in Stadium Precinct

## Background

- Council correspondence from HWDSB received at February 27, 2013 Council meeting
- Staff requested to report back to GIC



#### Context

- Stadium Precinct Plan
- HWDSB Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)
- Recreation Needs Assessment



# Stadium Precinct Plan

- Direction to develop a plan in December, 2011
- Linked to Neighbourhood Development Work
- February to June 2012 series of engagement meeting with residents and other key stakeholders



# Stadium Precinct Plan

- Outcomes included:
  - Definition of "Precinct"
  - Description of the types of investments and activities that would build a more vibrant neighbourhood
  - High level analysis of the opportunities for development or re-development



#### The Stadium Precinct





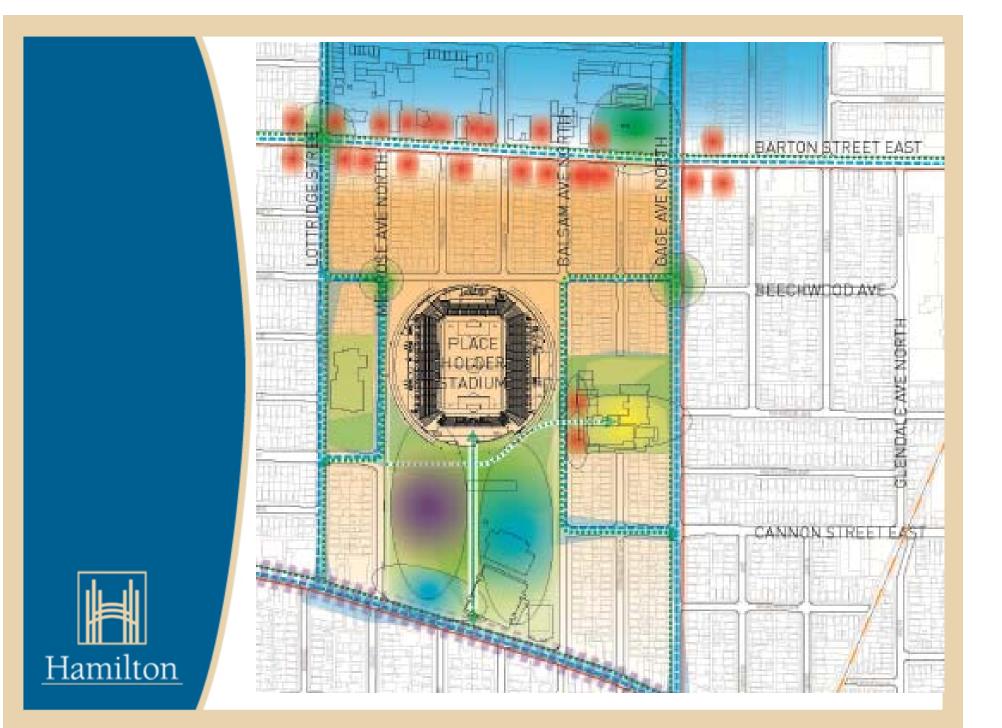
#### A "Phased" Approach to Planning











# Stadium Precinct Plan

 In late 2012 and into 2013 resident engagement continued to discuss demolition of Ivor Wynne Stadium and begin to develop more concrete plans regarding development and redevelopment opportunities



 Desired outcome was to have full plan with costing and timelines by end of Q2 2013

#### **Recreation Needs a High Priority**

- Need for programs for local children
- Pool currently not very accessible for all ages
- Skating support for informal outdoor winter skating
- Gymnasium need for "open gym" for dance, gymnastics, pick up sports (eg. basketball, volleyball, etc.) and fitness programs for all ages
- General space needs for: art, music, computer labs (computer courses), kitchen (cooking classes), etc.
- Need of community room parties, rentals
- Need for outdoor space for local sports as well as leisure activities
- Seniors request for separate facility including a full range of recreational activities separate from a recreation centre for the community



# HWDSB North ARC

- While the Precinct Plan has been developing the HWDSB had an ARC looking at the future of lower city schools
- On May 28, 2012 HWDSB Trustees ratified a motion to construct a new "centrally located" secondary school and close down SJAM, Delta and Parkview
- In January, 2013 the HWDSB received \$31.8M for the construction of a new secondary school in the lower city

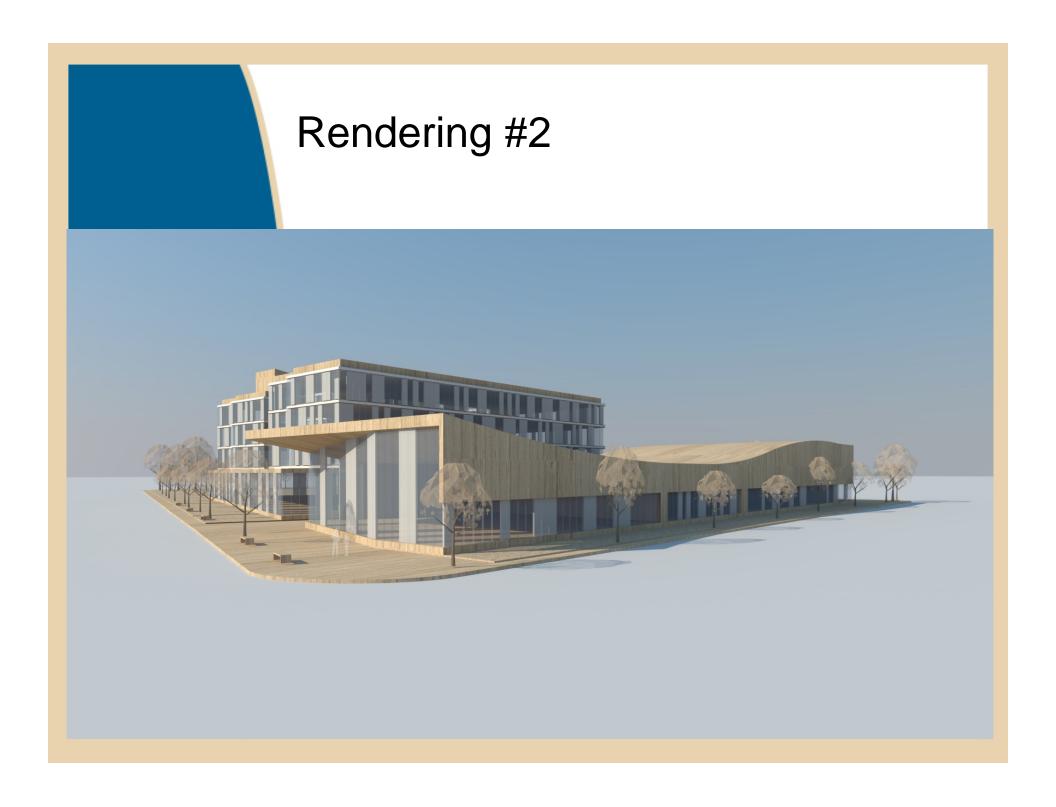


# A Joint Initiative

- Construct an integrated facility that includes a new secondary school for approximately 1,250 students and a community centre including:
  - A "two tank" pool lanes and leisure
  - Youth centre space
  - Dance/fitness space
  - Community rooms available for all ages
  - Access to triple gym and other amenities in the school









# **Project Cost**

- Estimated cost of \$16-18M for community centre
- Class D Cost Estimate prepared by Clare Randall Smith Pendlebury Cost Consultants Ltd
- Cost based on current competitively tendered construction costs for Schools and Recreation Centres from data base of similar projects, including recent projects in the Hamilton and Burlington area
- Standard High School and Municipal Recreation Centre construction materials and methods were assumed for the most part
- The plans, renderings and project descriptions provided by Diamond Schmitt Architects were used as the basis for quantities.
- The costing includes a premium for the cladding system over conventional school board construction as represented on the renderings.



#### Recommendations

- Enter into an agreement to move forward on this joint initiative because:
  - It is less costly than developing a similar community centre independently
  - It advances neighbourhood revitalization in the Precinct
  - It leverages investments by HWDSB

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- It addresses needs in the area

### **Issues for Consideration**

- Re-zoning is likely necessary
  - Site has two zoning classifications
- A portion of the area is privately held and a re-zoning application already in progress
- Funding
- Timing of construction
  - School must be open by August, 2016
  - Pan Am Games



#### Alternatives

- Decline to work with HWDSB on this joint initiative
- Revisit opportunities for community and recreation investments in Stadium Precinct when plan is presented
- HWDSB would look at other options within the Precinct or in other areas of the City to build the new secondary school



#### Questions

