



## CITY OF ST. ALBERT ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

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### TITLE: DRAFT MOU WITH GYMNASTICS

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In response to Council Motion CM-17-064: “That Administration, following discussions with the gymnastics clubs, return to Council in Q4/17 with a draft MOU that reflects joint gymnastics planning together with the City”, the report includes the outcome of the discussion that Administration had with the gymnastics organizations on the desire to enter into a MOU.

### COUNCIL DIRECTION

On July 13, 2015 Council has passed the following motion:

#### (CM-343-2015)

That Administration work with Dynamyx, to determine if their project can be modified and then re-submitted for evaluation by the Community Capital Partnership Program Advisory Committee by December 31, 2015.

On June 7, 2016 Council passed the following motion:

#### (CM-362-2016)

That the preliminary business case for the project titled “Dynamyx Gymnastics Club New Building” not be approved to advance to the detailed business plan stage of the Capital Partnership Program.

On February 21, 2017 Council passed the following motion:

#### (CM-17-010)

That Administration review the Dynamyx December 2016 facility needs report and report back to Council in Q2.

On July 10, 2017 Council passed the following motions:

#### (CM-17-064)

That Administration will provide a report to Council by Q2 2018 recommending a growth plan for facility development including funding strategies, operating models and land requirements.

That Administration return to Council in September with a report and with an examination of Gymnastics funding models so Council can decide if we fund Gymnastics and to what scope.

That Administration arrange a meeting with Dynamyx Gymnastics, Active Communities Alberta, St. Albert Soccer Association, and the City of Edmonton to explore a multipurpose privately-owned recreation facility and come back with whatever process administration recommends, whether it be an MOU, Terms of Reference, letter of support etc to advance this concept.

That Administration, following discussions with the gymnastics clubs, return to Council in Q4/17 with a draft MOU that reflects joint gymnastics planning together with the City.

On November 27, 2017 Council passed the time extension request:

(AR-17-451)

That the deadline extension for the following item be approved: Draft MOU with Gymnastics – extended to Q2 – 2018.

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

On April 10, 2018, staff members from Community and Protective Services met with representatives from the St. Albert Gymnastics Club and the Dynamyx Gymnastics Club to further discuss moving forward with gymnastics facility planning in St. Albert. In order to continue this path, and to ensure both Club Boards were in full support of this initiative, the representatives at the April 10 meeting were asked to take this initiative back to their respective Boards for discussion. The intent of the discussion was to ensure their Board members were fully versed on the intent of joint gymnastic facility planning.

Representatives were asked to provide the City with the results of a vote of their Board members, regarding whether or not to proceed forward with discussing the development of a MOU, which would outline the requirements and responsibilities of each party towards joint gymnastics planning.

Administration received the minutes from both organizations where this issue was discussed and voted upon. Dynamyx Gymnastics Club voted in favour of proceeding with joint planning. After much deliberation, the St. Albert Gymnastics Club voted to not explore and ultimately enter into negotiations to develop a MOU that reflects joint gymnastic planning involving both the St. Albert Gymnastics Club and the Dynamyx Gymnastics Club together with the City of St. Albert. As both groups are not in favour of joint planning, the development of a MOU for this initiative is not recommended.

## **STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS OR ENGAGEMENT**

Administration has meet with the President and Executive Director of Dynamyx Gymnastics Club and the President of St. Albert Gymnastics Club separately in Q3 2017.

Both Clubs were represented at the October 26, 2017 joint meeting regarding facility needs assessment.

On April 10, 2018, staff members from Community and Protective Services met with representatives from the St. Albert Gymnastics Club and the Dynamyx Gymnastics Club to further discuss moving forward with gymnastics facility planning in St. Albert.

Upon receipt of the decision of each Club, a letter (attached) dated May 10, 2018 was sent to both gymnastics clubs informing them of their decisions and the development of a MOU for this initiative will not continue.



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Dear Ms Schwer and Ms King:

**Re: Gymnastics Joint Planning MOU**

On April 10, 2018, staff members from Community & Protective Services met with representatives from the St. Albert Gymnastics Club and the Dynamyx Gymnastics Club to further discuss moving forward with gymnastics facility planning in St. Albert. In order to continue this path, and to ensure both Club Board's were in full support of this initiative, the representatives at the April 10 meeting were asked to take this initiative back to their respective Boards for discussion. The intent of the discussion was to ensure their Board members were fully versed on the intent of joint gymnastic facility planning. Representatives were asked to provide the City with the results of a vote of their Board members, regarding whether or not to proceed forward with discussing the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); which would outline the requirements and responsibilities of each party towards joint gymnastics planning.

I would like to thank you and your Boards for taking the time to discuss and carefully consider this matter. We have received the minutes from both Organizations where this issue was discussed and voted upon. After much deliberation the St. Albert Gymnastics Club is not interested in exploring and ultimately entering into negotiations to develop a Memorandum of Understanding that reflects joint gymnastic planning involving both the St. Albert Gymnastics Club and the Dynamyx Gymnastics Club together with the City of St. Albert. Therefore, further discussion and the development of a MOU for this initiative will not continue. As the exploration of developing an MOU was a request of Council, Administration will be providing a report to Council with the outcome of the decisions from both Gymnastic Organizations.

Again, thank you for your involvement in this process and contributions to developing gymnastics in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Scoble", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Scoble  
City Manager

cc: Diane Enger, Director Recreation and Parks  
Anna Royer, Division Business Manager