



POSTPONED MOTIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

NUMBER: PM19-038

REQUESTED BY:	Mayor Cathy Heron
ORIGIN OF REQUEST:	Committee of the Whole
DATE OF REQUEST:	November 19, 2018

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DATE RESPONSE DUE:	November 22, 2018

MOTION:
That RECR-065 Recreation Facility for 1,500,000 is unfunded.

RESPONSE (one page max.):
Administration’s Understanding of Intent Motion: That project charter RECR-055 be unfunded from the 2019 budget.
Operational or Organizational Impacts if Motion is Approved: If this motion is approved there will not be any funding available in 2019 to progress the work of long term recreation facility planning.
Financial Implications of Motions: Not funding this project charter would increase the capital funding available for additional or future projects by 1.5M.
Stakeholder Consultations: If this motion is passed the submissions for recreation facility partnership received through the EOI process would not advance. The public recently provided feedback through the ballot question reflecting a desire for the City to continue to plan for new arena or aquatic facilities, not funding this charter would also result in no further planning on new arena or aquatic facilities outside of the current project charters for expansion at Servus Place, at this time.

Background:

The community, through various avenues, including the ballot question, presentations to Council and feedback received through Administration have identified multiple priorities for new recreation facility development.

The current recreation facility projects included in the 10 Year Capital Plan were put forward in alignment with the Recreation Master Plan and the Facility Predictive model.

In addition, an Expression of Interest was released in August 2018 to seek out interested partnership with the municipality in the sitting, design, construction and operation of future recreation facilities.

To provide flexibility to adapt to direction from Council, Project Charter RECR-065 was developed to enable long term planning of recreation facilities to take place. This funding could relate directly to a proposal received from the EOI or could be specific to work that Council directs Administration to undertake to move forward long-term recreation facility planning. Funding would be in place to carry out work such as:

- Feasibility assessment of new development.
- Preliminary and detailed design and cost analysis.
- Development of partnership models.
- Condition assessment of current recreation facilities.
- Net Present Value of partnership proposals
- Regional Needs Analysis – Data and Growth Perspective
- Financial Impact Analysis on Land and Servicing
- Funding model development.
- Community Engagement – Planning and execution.

Currently the organization does not have resource capacity to take on this work in 2019. This charter would provide the funding to be able to carry out the necessary work of recreation facility planning.

The risks of not carrying out this work in a timely manner could result in resident frustration, increased pressures on recreation facility usage and missed opportunities for alignment into Corporate planning projects. With that said, postponement of this Project Charter to 2020 would position the City well for future planning, as work progresses in 2019 on the Municipal Development Plan, Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks, and Annexation Negotiations.