

Amendment to Motion CM-18-045 MOU with Active Communities Alberta;
(respectfully submitted by Councillor J Hansen, Dec 11, 2018)

On November 19, 2018 I served notice of a motion I intend to make which, if passed, would amend a previously adopted motion (CM-18-045) by adding the words highlighted in red:

*That a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be executed with Active Communities by a mutually agreed date with Administration that will serve to support the concept of a Sport and Wellness Campus. Further, that the MOU contain therein a statement that the City of St. Albert has interest in providing up to \$20 million towards the project, conditional on \$10 million in federal funding and \$10 million in provincial government funding being secured for the project and further that the project is contingent upon a value for money assessment by an outside consultant to a maximum of \$10,000 from the Stabilization Fund and that the facility is built on land within the City of St. Albert **which may include proposed annexed lands.***

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 16.14(a) of the Procedure Bylaw, I hereby provide a written explanation as to why in my opinion special or exceptional circumstances exist that warrant further debate on Motion CM-18-045.

Rationale:

When motion CM-18-045 was being debated on June 25, 2018 an amendment to the motion was passed to add the words: ***that the facility is built on land within the City of St. Albert.*** Since then the following questions have arisen:

1. By passing CM-18-045 as so amended, does Council mean to *include* lands proposed to be annexed (both to the north and to the south) which, if annexation occurs, will in fact be within the City of St. Albert corporate limits?
2. Does Council mean to *exclude* proposed annexed lands as a potential site for the ACA facility?
3. If the answer is number 2, why would Council choose to exclude annexed lands?

Since June, it has become clear that other parties are also interested in building facilities on potential annexed lands – facilities large enough and offering a range of services as to have a major impact on quality of life for our residents. It takes much effort to put together detailed plans and proposals of this magnitude, and the timelines for doing so can be lengthy. This is why present circumstances are both special and exceptional, and demand that the lack of clarity in CM 18-045 be resolved at the earliest possible time. Not only the Active Communities Alberta (ACA) organization, but by extension other potential builders of recreation facilities also, deserve to know for certain whether the City will entertain the possibility of facilities being built on lands that are not now in the City boundaries, but will be part of St. Albert if annexation occurs.