



**Committee Meeting of Council  
Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 5:00 PM  
Council Chambers – City Hall**

**Mayor Clifford Lee Presiding**

**Present:**      **Deputy Mayor Stu MacFadyen**      **Councillor Jason Coady**  
                         **Councillor Terry Bernard**                      **Councillor Melissa Hilton**  
                         **Councillor Rob Lantz**                              **Councillor Mitchell Tweel**  
                         **Councillor Edward Rice**                            **Councillor Cecil Villard**  
                         **Councillor David MacDonald**                    **Councillor Redmond**

**Also:**            **Roy Main, CAO**                                      **Donna Waddell, DCS**  
                         **Sue Fraser, PRM**                                    **Jeremy Pierce, AS**

**OPEN**

**1.      Resolution – Meet as ‘Committee of the Whole’**

**Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard**  
**Seconded by Councillor Melissa Hilton**

**RESOLVED:**

That Members of Charlottetown City Council meet as a ‘Committee of the Whole’ pursuant to Section 19 (5) of the Charlottetown Area Municipalities Act (CAMA) Cap. C-4.1

**CARRIED 9-1**  
**Councillor Redmond registered a “nay” vote**

**2.      Resolution – Seasonal banner at 111 Queen Street (The Guild)**

**Moved by Councillor Rob Lantz**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jason Coady**

**RESOLVED:**

That the application for a seasonal banner to be located on the front façade at The Guild, 111 Queen Street/115 Richmond Street (PID# 340182), as presented to Heritage Board, be approved.

**CARRIED 10-0**

**3.      Simmons Master Plan - Presentation**

Councillor Hilton and the Parks & Recreation Manager spoke briefly to the agenda item and they then requested Jeremy Pierce, Arenas Superintendent, to begin his presentation. The AS noted the RFP for the development of a master plan was awarded to Sierra Planning Group, with support from CBCL and Ken DesRoche in June 2012 and in December 2012, the PRLA Committee conducted a detailed review of the draft plan after a Council presentation by Jon Hack, the consultant, Sierra Planning and Management. Several amendments were made based

on feedback and reviewed again by the PRLA Committee in May/June 2013. Overall, the plan presents the following:

- Detailed conditions assessment of the Simmons Arena and Pool
- Establish a vision for the future of the complex
- Establish a short and long term strategy for the entire site

The AS indicated the plan presents three options for consideration and he provided details on each:

**Option 1 – Maintain the Status Quo** – no new initiatives but reflects the maintenance/enhancement of current facilities at the Complex. Short-term cost (1-5 years) would be ~\$3.5 million.

**Option 2 – Traditional Recreation Footprint** – reflects the desire, as expressed by some groups and the public to sustain both the arena and the pool (rebuilt). Cost would be roughly \$15 million.

**Option 3 – Investing in First Class Complex** – represents versatile mix of future use to achieve the guiding principles and is reflective of the spectrum of public opinion. This option proposes a small community center, pool, turf and grass fields (unlit), pedestrian pathways, existing ball diamond, hard surface courts and a plaza. Cost would be ~\$20 million.

Concern was raised regarding the possibility of decommissioning Simmons Arena. The AS noted that if the arena was decommissioned they would look to twinning with another arena within the city however that depends on an assessment of future ice and outdoor recreation needs; a study is planned for later this year. It was further noted it is not possible to twin Cody Banks Arena because there is no room for expansion on that site.

A question was raised with respect to operational costs for the three options. The AS noted that he has talked with operators of a new facility in Pictou, NS and they actually have seen operational costs decrease.

Councillor Tweel noted that the turf field is long overdue and will need to be inclusive of all sports including football. He also noted that the commitment to a pool is essential, eliminating the arena is not acceptable and he is opposed to that option. He noted that schools have easy access to the ice surface now and there is an opportunity to form partnerships with the Province to increase usage levels by the schools.

Councillor Redmond noted that it is a good report and agreed that the turf field is very much needed. He asked about the upper field by Colonel Grey and was advised that it would remain intact, as it is a recently renovated field.

The Mayor noted concerns about demographic shifts and that the City may not need as many arenas ten years from now. The AS noted that there is still a very high demand for peak hours and there are changing trends showing adult users on the increase. He added that there will be a full report done this winter on user levels and projections by user groups.

Councillor Lantz stated that he is looking for change at this site and that the idea of a multi-use center seems like a good idea.

Councillor Hilton reiterated the importance of the sports complex being seen as benefit to the neighbourhood.

Councillor MacDonald spoke about the important role that Cody Banks Arena plays in that neighborhood and he would not support the closure or relocation of that facility.

Councillor Bernard asked about the eastern gateway project and the ability to add multi ice pads to that site. The PRM reported that it would be possible to consider that, provided the footprint was big enough in that site plan.

Councillor Hilton thanked the AS for his presentation and indicated the next step in the process is to take the Master Plan to a public consultation in the early Fall. She further indicated that the plan and a survey will be placed on the City's website within the next week.

#### **4. Infrastructure Update**

The DCS indicated her report regarding Build Canada Infrastructure funding was in the package primarily as an update to Council. She noted there have been discussions with Provincial staff with regard to the new infrastructure program however there has not been a lot of information made available at this time. The DCS advised that negotiations for provincial allocations, guidelines and categories have not been discussed and those deliberations are not expected to commence until this fall.

As soon as more information on the programs becomes available, the DCS will advise Council.

In response to a question of eligibility, the DCS indicated that Parks and Recreation as well as Municipal Buildings have been included as an eligible category.

A question of how much infrastructure dollars the City would actually receive over the next three years was raised. The DCS indicated that information is not available at this time since negotiations between the federal and provincial governments do not begin until this fall.

#### **5. Resolution – Move into an ‘in camera’ session**

**Moved by Councillor Cecil Villard**

**Seconded by Councillor Melissa Hilton**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That this Committee meeting of Council move into an ‘in camera’ session.

Some Councillors raised concern as to why some of this evening's agenda items had to be discussed ‘in-camera’. Again, it was noted the items deal with confidential matters (i.e. personnel) which require initial discussion.

**CARRIED 8-2**

**Councillors Redmond and Tweel registered “nay” votes**

**Open portion of the meeting ended at 6:30 PM**