

APPENDIX C

Update on Other Aquatic Developments

The following is a summary of the status non-municipal aquatic facilities and other aquatic related projects and initiatives in the community.

YMCA Northeastern Ontario – 140 Durham Street, Sudbury Location

YMCA Northeastern Ontario operates facilities in Timmins, North Bay and at 140 Durham Street in Sudbury. The YMCA is a partner with the City in ownership of the Centre for Life under a condominium agreement. The YMCA occupies approximately 60,000 square feet in the facility including an aquatic area comprised of a lap pool (short of 25 meters), separate leisure pool and slide. The facility was constructed in the year 2000.

On May 31, 2022 YMCA Northeastern Ontario staff appeared before City Council as a community delegation and advised of the financial challenges the organization was facing. YMCA staff attributed financial pressures to the cost to operate their Sudbury location. More recently, YMCA Northeastern Ontario have engaged their members and the public regarding their financial challenges. The YMCA has indicated that the downtown Sudbury location is on track to lose \$700,000 to \$750,000 per year. Representatives for YMCA Northeastern Ontario have stated they are seeking to renegotiate terms of the 140 Durham Street condominium agreement with the City.

As the City's recommended service provision for pools includes non-municipal aquatic facilities, the scope of the comprehensive aquatics review requested will address how this facility supports a modernized and future aquatics system in Greater Sudbury.

Jeno Tihanyi Olympic Gold Pool - Laurentian University

The Jeno Tihanyi Olympic Gold Pool is located in the Ben Avery Complex on Laurentian University campus. The pool which was built in 1972 and is a 50-meter, eight lane pool with diving platforms. Originally closed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020, the facility remains closed at this time.

Laurentian officials have previously stated that the Ben Avery Complex and the Jeno Tihanyi pool require more than \$10 million to address deferred maintenance items. Media reports have indicated an immediate need of \$140,000 to address structural issues with the pool.

More recently, Laurentian University provided an update on the status of the Jeno Tihanyi Olympic Gold Pool. Investigations are underway to determine the nature of repairs required to return the pool to an operational state. Laurentian officials also stated that it remains unlikely that the university will be able on its own to bear the costs associated with the operations of the pool and will need to seek external investment.

The aquatic facility at Laurentian University will also be considered as part of the comprehensive aquatic review to determine how it may support future aquatic services for the community.

Lionel E. Lalonde Centre Therapeutic/Leisure Pool Project Status

During 2021 budget deliberations, a business case to construct the Therapeutic/Leisure Pool at the Lionel E. Lalonde Centre was approved. The business case estimated project cost at \$5.69 million. The City has received a \$1 million grant from the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) for the project and there has been \$100,500 raised through community fund-raising efforts. The balance of the project is funded through municipal capital funding.

In June 2021, a Request for Proposal for architectural services was awarded to Architects Tillmann Ruth Robinson. In the Fall of 2022, the City received design briefs and a Class D estimate for the project. Based on the consultants work, staff anticipate significant project escalations, largely due to market issues evident on other facility construction projects such as labour shortages, supply chain issues and construction premiums.

Given the project shortfall, and Council direction relating to a comprehensive aquatic review, it is recommended that the findings of the aquatics review help inform Council about the additional investment required to realize a new therapeutic pool facility.

Staff have applied to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada for extension consideration for the Enabling Extension Accessibility funding.

Kalmo Beach 10 Year Plan

At the May 16, 2022 Community Services Committee, staff presented a report titled Kalmo Beach 10 Year Plan in response to Council's direction for a longer term plan to guide future improvements for the park. Upon receiving the report, Council requested that a business case to complete design and study work be included for consideration as part of the 2023 budget process. The estimated budget for required consulting services and study work is \$430,000. Should the full vision of the Kalmo Beach 10-Year Plan be realized, staff estimate that total project costs would be approximately \$5 to \$6 million. Given the estimated investment it would take to realize the full Kalmo Beach 10 Year plan, it's suggested that the comprehensive aquatic review would confirm and inform this type of investment in the larger context of aquatic services.

Lively Recreation Advisory Panel

City Council agreed to the sale of Meatbird Lake Park to Vale Canada Limited for \$4 million. Funds from the sale will be reinvested into the Lively/Walden community to develop new recreational opportunities and will ensure residents have access to safe ways to play in the area. Proceeds of the \$4 million sale are held in the Capital Financing Reserve Fund (General) and dedicated to the improvement of leisure infrastructure in the Walden (Lively) area.

The Lively Recreation Advisory Panel has been struck to serve as a link between the City of Greater Sudbury, various stakeholders, and the community at large, in the development of a plan ensuring future recreational amenities in Lively reflect local needs in alignment with Council's strategic priorities.

Thus far two rounds of community engagement have been completed. The initial engagement took place in September 2021. The second engagement took place in June of 2022. Surveys, and idea boards were available on Over to You. In June of 2022, Oracle Poll contacted residents throughout the city to collect their feedback and complete a telephone survey about the project's next steps. There were several events in the Lively/Walden community for residents to attend and ask questions, give their input and complete the second survey.

Engagement results indicate that outdoor swimming, waterfront, or beach activities are the top priorities for investment consideration for the project. Water activities (canoeing/kayaking), trails/hiking and a splash pad are the other most frequently mentioned priorities. Overwhelmingly, the feedback has been that the City should invest in a single, new recreational amenity. The community has also clearly indicated that a quality, new, modern facility would most encourage future use. The Lively Ski Hill, Anderson Farm and greenspace adjacent to the Lively Citizen Service Centre/Library are the preferred locations for investment.

Any recommendations emanating from the Lively Recreation Advisory Panel will help inform the larger comprehensive aquatic review.