




Report Title
Large Projects Update – December 2020

Resolution		Relationship to the Strategic Plan/Health Impact Assessment	
For information only		<p>This report is informed by the strategic objectives outlined in the <i>2019-2027 City of Greater Sudbury Strategic Plan</i>, specifically Economic Capacity and Investment Readiness (Page 12).</p> <p>4.4 Invest in Transformative Facilities, Spaces and Infrastructure Initiatives that support economic activity.</p> <p>A. Continue implementation of Council's Large Projects including The Junction, the Kingsway Entertainment District and Place des Arts.</p>	
	Resolution Continued		Background Attached

Report Summary	Financial Implications
<p>In the interest of conserving space on the Council meeting agenda, this written report provides a high level update on the CGS' four Large Projects: the Event Centre at the KED, Junction East, Junction West and Place des Arts.</p> <p>Staff will return to an update presentation format as space allows in January.</p>	<p>There are no direct financial implications resulting from this information report.</p>

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## **JUNCTION EAST UPDATE**

With the design and engineering firm of WZMH Architects in place, significant background work is now underway prior to the launch of a full community engagement process, expected early in 2021.

Staff and the WZMH team are also working closely with representatives of the Sudbury Theatre Centre and the Sudbury Multicultural and Folk Arts Associations. In both cases the intent is to define a potential partnership for each of these organizations in the functional program and physical space of the Junction East project. The results of this work will be presented to Council in Q1 2021.

Staff continue work on federal and provincial funding applications to reduce the municipal contribution required to realize the Junction East project. A Canada Cultural Spaces funding application has been submitted for review and staff are awaiting agency review of FedNor and NOHFC funding applications.

A funding application is also being developed for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund for sustainability initiatives to support Council's direction towards net zero sustainability targets for Junction East, and to reduce the impact of this addition on the project budget.

As indicated, a community engagement roadmap for the functional program phase of Junction East has been developed and will be launched in early 2021. To incorporate requirements associated with managing engagement activities in a Covid-19 environment, the focus of the engagement effort is in developing robust online opportunities for interested stakeholders to share their views and offer suggestions/feedback. Emphasis is on ensuring everyone who wants to engage can do so in a manner that is safe and comfortable for them.

## **JUNCTION WEST UPDATE**

As indicated in previous updates, with the review of the World Trade Center proposal now complete, staff are reviewing earlier work on private sector participation in hotel development and the results of market sounding. The impact of COVID-19 on hotel and tourism investment has been significant but the introduction of vaccines may lead to improved market conditions. Staff will continue to monitor the situation and engage in investment attraction activities as soon as possible.

Staff are also monitoring other developments proposed for the south district area and responding to requests for information.

## **UPDATE ON THE EVENT CENTRE AT THE KINGSWAY ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT**

As Council is aware, the action brought in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice was resolved last month when the appellant withdrew the appeal from consideration by the Ontario Court of Appeal. As such the September 4 decision of Regional Senior Justice Elies, in favour of the

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City of Greater Sudbury, stands as the final resolution of the issues raised.

Eleven of the twelve appeals to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT), remain to be resolved. An LPAT hearing was held on September 17, and LPAT Vice-Chair Mr. Lanthier reserved his decision. Mr. Lanthier's response is expected in early 2021, and staff are working to prepare for all potential outcomes of this decision.

Staff continue to undertake engineering work on a non-priority basis to be ready to resume the project once direction is provided.

## **PLACE DES ARTS**

The construction of Place des Arts continues with COVID-19 safety measures in place. The entire building is enclosed, with cladding on the exterior walls. Work is underway on the installation of the elevator, flooring, painting and millwork, and completion of mechanical and electrical work. This work is anticipated to continue through the winter.

The project schedule anticipates substantial completion by the end of June 2021 with relocation of member organizations to the building through the summer and an official opening in the fall of 2021.

## **CONCLUSION**

All four large projects are positioned well to move forward in 2021. Additional details will be provided at the Council meeting of January 12, 2021.